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## Iraq sinks 5 Iranian ships, hits oil plants

BAHRAIN, March 2 (R) — Iraq said its navy attacked an Iranian offshore oilfield Wednesday, destroying installations and five ships in the latest of a series of Gulf war flare-ups since a major Iranian offensive three weeks ago.

In Tehran, an Oil Ministry spokesman said he had no information about any raids, and could not comment on the Iraqi report, carried by the official Iraq News Agency.

The agency quoted a military spokesman as saying: "Our forces succeeded in destroying five Iranian ships, including oil tankers. The oil installations in the Nowruz field were also destroyed." The spokesman added that all Iraqi naval units had returned safely.

The field lies some 150 kilometers east of Kuwait city and about 80 kilometers northwest of Iran's main oil export terminal at Kharg Island. Before the Iranian revolution in 1979 it was producing 20,000 barrels a day of heavy crude, oil experts said.

Iraq has reported a long series of attacks by its navy and air force on Kharg Island and on shipping in the Gulf. But Wednesday's report was a rare claim of an attack on installations in an offshore field.

It was the latest in a series of actions in the 29-month-old war which have erupted since Iran launched a major ground offensive three weeks ago in the southern sector of the battlefield.

But despite fresh appeals for peace from several quarters, including the United Nations Security Council, Iran has pledged to continue fighting and Iraq has said it sees no real signs of an early peace settlement.

Iraq's Speaker Hojatollah Hashemi Rafsanjani said last week Iran was determined to end the war by force and overthrow Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, who masterminded the 1979 revolution.

Planning Minister Hisham Nazir said the committee was set up after King Fahd visited Algiers last November.

## King attends camel race

JINAYDERIAH, March 2 (SPA) — King Fahd attended Wednesday annual camel race organized by the Equestrian Club in cooperation with the National Guard.

He was accompanied by UAE President Sheikh Zaid bin Sultan Al-Nahyan, Sheikh Hamad bin Issa Al-Khalifa, Bahrain's heir-apparent and defense force commander, and Sheikh Subeim bin Hamad Al Thani, brother of the ruler of Qatar who arrived here earlier in the day for the occasion, and Prince Sultan, second deputy premier and defense minister. Crown Prince Abdullah, first deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, and Prince Bader, deputy commander and vice president of the Equestrian Club, played host.

The King and Sheikh Zaid distributed prizes to the first five winners of the first lap of the race — a 19-km distance divided into three rounds.

The first three winning camels are owned by Prince Saud bin Muhammad bin Abdulaziz, the fourth by (Continued on back page)



King Fahd

## Army out as half of Assam declared 'disturbed area'

GAUHATI, India, March 2 (Agencies) — The Assam government Wednesday declared nearly half the districts in the state "disturbed areas" and moved in the army to help to maintain law and order.

The Press Trust of India (PTI) here quoted a spokesman for the provincial administration installed following the recent elections, as having ordered the move.

The district involved were Nowgong, Darang, Goalpara, Lakhimpur and Kamrup, all of which suffered from serious communal riots and other violence last month. The worst-hit were the first two districts.

The formal declaration of these districts as disturbed areas came amid reports of renewed violence in some parts of the state Tuesday and Wednesday, resulting in the loss of nearly 43 more lives, 35 of them early Wednesday in Sibsagar district.

PTI said an armed gang of several hundred surrounded a village and attacked inhabitants, burning down houses.

The agency did not identify the gang involved in the attack, the latest in a month of bloodshed in Assam sparked by a campaign against predominantly Muslim immigrants by hard-line ethnic Assamese Hindus.

More than 2,500 persons have died and 230,000 made homeless across the Brahmaputra Valley state since the violence began before state elections early last month.

The spokesman quoted by PTI as saying (Continued on back page)

## Pound drops to 4-year low

LONDON, March 2 (R) — The British pound, battered by uncertainty over oil price cuts, fell in Europe to a four-year low against major currencies Wednesday after briefly plunging through the psychologically important 1.50 level against the dollar.

Gold, meanwhile, which had lost more than \$100 during a week of hectic selling, recovered some of its glitter and was trading around \$430 an ounce in London and Zurich.

The Bank of England's trade-weighted sterling index, comprising a basket of currencies of Britain's major trading partners with a 1975 base of 100, was at a four-year low of 79.6 points at the market opening before edging up slightly to 79.7 at noon. It closed Tuesday at 80.0 points.

Financial analysts said the market in sterling was very nervous, awaiting the result of an OPEC meeting this weekend to seek a new oil price level.

The pound was fixed at 3.657 West German marks in Frankfurt, its lowest level since November 1978. It traded briefly at \$1.4980 in New York Tuesday and opened at \$1.4993 in London before recovering to around \$1.5065.

Major currencies were generally stronger against the dollar, including the mark which has been unsettled in the run-up to Sunday's West German general election.

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Marianne Bachmeier

## Bachmeier jailed for court killing

LUEBECK, March 2 (R) — Marianne Bachmeier, who pulled out a gun in court and shot dead the man accused of strangling her daughter, was sentenced Wednesday to six years in prison.

Mrs. Bachmeier, a 32-year-old barmaid, was jailed for manslaughter and illegal possession of a weapon.

She originally faced a murder charge but this was reduced to manslaughter last week when the prosecution said it could not be proved that she was conscious of the vulnerability of her victim.

She was charged with shooting 35-year-old Klaus Grabowski in a Luebeck court on March 6, 1981, as he faced trial for murdering her seven-year-old daughter Anna.

The prosecution demanded an eight-year sentence last week, but defense lawyers said she should be acquitted on the grounds that she was suffering from mental illness at the time of the shooting since she had imagined seeing Grabowski strangling Anna.

## Missiles cast a shadow on Bonn poll

BONN, March 2 (R) — The 204 U.S. medium-range nuclear missiles due to be deployed in West Germany from late this year under NATO rearmament plans have cast a long shadow on the campaign for Sunday's general election.

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## U.S. economy registers upswing

WASHINGTON, March 2 (R) — The U.S. government Wednesday announced the biggest monthly jump in a key economic index in almost 33 years, one of the clearest signs yet of recovery from the recession.

The Commerce Department's index of leading economic indicators, a key gauge of activity which tends to predict the course of the economy, rose 3.6 percent — its fifth consecutive monthly increase and the biggest since a 4.1 percent rise in July 1950.

Expectations of the increase, the latest in a string of favorable reports on the economy, had pushed stock prices on Wall Street to record levels Tuesday.

The White House has consistently predicted the United States would slowly emerge from recession and then experience modest economic expansion. But several administration officials and private economists have recently differed with that expectation, calling it too pessimistic.

They cite a growing list of favorable economic indicators as supporting a projection of more robust growth. Referring to the latest key indicator, Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige said there had never been an increase of the magnitude recorded for January without a subsequent economic recovery.

## In London Key OPEC aides debate crisis today

LONDON, March 2 (R) — Key OPEC oil ministers are to hold informal talks in London Thursday on averting a world oil price war, sources close to the 13-member exporter group said Wednesday.

The ministers of Nigeria and Venezuela were expected in London later Wednesday and would be joined by their counterparts from other OPEC states.

In Lagos, a senior Nigerian government spokesman said the London talks would be crucial in deciding whether or not an emergency meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) would take place as planned this week or early next week.

There was no official confirmation of the attendance at Thursday's talks but the London-based newspaper *Ashghar Al-Awsat* said they would involve the ministers of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Kuwait, Algeria and Indonesia as well as the representatives of Nigeria and Venezuela.

Venezuelan Oil Minister Humberto Calderon Berti was due here Wednesday amid signs that his bid to involve non-OPEC producer Britain in a pricing accord was running into trouble.

Calderon has been leading OPEC efforts to persuade Britain and the other main non-OPEC producer, Mexico, to cooperate on defending world prices in the present glutted market.

But a source close to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said Wednesday: "OPEC is a cartel and must run its own affairs. OPEC must stop involving the British government in its affairs."

It was the clearest indication so far that

## Japan rebuts coup plot report

TOKYO, March 2 (R) — After a week-long investigation the Japanese government denied Tuesday an allegation that members of the armed forces plotted a coup in 1980.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Masaharu Gotoda told a press conference: "The government is convinced after a thorough investigation into allegations by an opposition member of parliament that there was no attempted coup."

Yanosuke Narazaki, a minority party member of parliament, said Feb. 21 that about 10,000 soldiers, sailors and airmen were involved in a plot, timed for June 1980, to bomb the prime minister's official residence with napalm and occupy parliament.

Narazaki, nicknamed "Bombshell" because of his frequent disclosures of military secrets, also said that about 120 officers and men were given only light punishments because the authorities feared that publicity would disgrace the defense establishment.

After the denial, Narazaki told parliament that his informants were active senior officers. "If an abnormal situation does not occur, I am confident that various things will become clear in about 10 days," he said.

Narazaki had alleged that the plot was uncovered two months before it was due to be put into effect by the army's 10th division at Nagoya, central Japan, and the paratroop brigade at Chiba, near Tokyo.

They were to have been joined by the Ominato Navy District Division and its air wing in northern Japan and the first flying training wing at Hamamatsu, central Japan.

Supporting the government's denial, Takashi Ueno, director general of the Defense Ministry's Personnel and Education Bureau, told reporters that the 190 senior officers assigned at the time to the units linked to the alleged coup attempt had all denied the presence of coup rumors or plots. He said no evidence had been found of personnel transfers being used as punishments.

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## Governors' session concluded

## IDB president praises interest-free banking

By K.S. Ramkumar  
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 2 — The rapid increase in the number of free-of-interest banks in the Muslim world is a "clear testimony for the success of this trend," according to Islamic Development Bank President Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali.

Addressing a press conference jointly with the current chairman of the IDB Board of Governors and alternate governor for Jordan, Dr. Muhammad Nabulsi, at the IDB headquarters Wednesday on the conclusion of the board's seventh session Tuesday, Ali said "the concept of interest-free banking has been readily accepted by the entire Muslim world."

Ali said an agreement was signed Wednesday morning under which the IDB will contribute 5.3 million Islamic dinars (\$6 million) to the capital of Tunisia's cement company. He said another agreement giving the Tunisian government a loan of 5.5 million Islamic dinars (\$6.1 million) was also signed. The loan is meant for financing a project to upgrade and develop some public sector services.

The agreements were signed by Ali on behalf of the bank, and the Tunisian ambassador to Saudi Arabia and the director general of the company on behalf of the Tunisian side.

The IDB Tuesday evening also signed two agreements with Mali and Niger. According to the agreements signed by Ali, the IDB will give Mali \$3 million to participate in the equity of the National Industrial Company. It will also share in the equity of the Niger Matches Company with \$40,000. Moreover, the bank will finance a \$10 million foreign trade operation for Niger to help it import

refined petrochemical products.

The IDB Board of Governors, which wound up its seventh session here Tuesday, approved the bank's seventh annual report covering the IDB activities over the past year. The governors, who are the economy ministers of their respective countries, decided to hold their eighth session again here next year.

At the closing session, the United Arab Emirates Finance Minister Hamdan bin Rashid Al-Maktoum was elected chairman of the board's current session. The governors put on record their gratitude and appreciation for King Fahd and Crown Prince Abdullah, the first deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, for the great financial and moral support extended to the bank by the Saudi Arabian government.

They also thanked Makkah Deputy Governor Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen for having opened the session. The governors addressed cables of thanks to King Fahd, Prince Abdullah and Muhammad Aba Al-Khalil, the minister of finance and national economy.

Aba Al-Khalil had expressed his appreciation and gratitude to the governors for their contribution to the success of the previous session.

Ali said that the governors had approved new rules of procedure to facilitate the implementation of IDB projects in the occupied Arab territories. The bank is trying to increase the volume of its operations and foster its technical staff for a better appraisal and follow-up of the projects it finances, Ali added.

A meeting was scheduled to follow Wednesday afternoon between the IDB and representatives of national development funds of the bank's 40-member states to consider the financing of joint ventures.



Saleh Toaimi

## Businessmen's conference set for March 12

By Devadas Kini  
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, March 2 — The final touches are being given to the first-ever businessmen's conference to be held in Dammam on March 12, according to Saleh Toaimi, secretary-general of Riyadh Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He said more than 500 leading businessmen have already agreed to attend the conference and discuss various issues confronting the business community.

It will be attended by Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khalil, Minister of Planning Sheikh Hisham Nazer, Minister of Agriculture Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, Minister of Commerce Soliman Solaim and Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algosaihi. They will address the gathering explaining various measures taken to strengthen the national economy and encourage the national companies.

A number of papers will be read at the seminar on the various aspects of the Saudi Arabian economy including one on the social insurance laws. The main theme of the conference will be the role of the private sector in the development of the Kingdom including the development of the private sector itself, Toaimi said.

"Time has come to encourage the establishment of joint stock companies," he said. The Council of Saudi Arabian Chambers of Commerce which is organizing the conference is expected to propose the establishment of huge joint stock companies in the field of contracting and transport to undertake some of the bigger projects in the Kingdom.

## Ople says no ban on Filipinos

By Sarah Shah  
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 2 — The Philippines Minister of Labor and Employment Blas F. Ople has affirmed that there is no ban on bringing additional Filipino workers to the Kingdom. He also stressed that there is no change in the Kingdom's policy toward recruiting labor from the Philippines.

In an interview with Arab News, Ople strongly refuted rumors in certain quarters on this issue describing them as "totally baseless." "Filipinos continue to be welcomed within the framework of the Kingdom's policy applied equally to all other countries," the minister said.

Ople arrived in Jeddah toward the last leg of his week-long visit to the Kingdom to inaugurate the Regional Labor Center attached to the Philippines Embassy and to meet members and officials of the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and representatives of Saudi Arabian companies employing Filipino workers.

He told Arab News that while in Riyadh he delivered a personal message from President Marcos to King Fahd and informed the King about progress in granting autonomy to Muslims in Mindanao province in southern Philippines. Ople further informed the King that the Riyadh Chamber of Commerce and Industry mission is expected to visit the Philippines this year.

Ople has also met with Interior Minister Prince Naif.

Ople's talks with Prince Naif and his Saudi Arabian counterpart Ibrahim Al-Ankari dealt with recruitment of Filipino manpower since the Philippines is one of the largest suppliers of manpower to Saudi Arabia with nearly 180,000 persons working in various development projects. It ranks fourth next to neighboring countries such as Yemen, Egypt and Pakistan, he added.

Ople said a new labor center will assist workers and employers within the framework of Saudi Arabian laws and policies and keep Manila abreast of the latest developments. It will also see that workers maintain high standards, while his ministry is embarking on a mandatory orientation program for all overseas job applicants to prepare them physically, psychologically and morally for the new environment and the working conditions of the country, including its culture and laws, he indicated.

The minister left Wednesday for Iraq before going on to Jordan to attend the conference of labor ministers from 26 countries organized by the Arab Labor Organization on March 6-16.



LABOR CENTER: Philippines Minister of Labor and Employment Blas F. Ople (second from left) Tuesday inaugurated the Philippines Regional Labor Center in Jeddah. Seen here are (from left) International Labor Office Assistant Director General Abdul Rahman, Minister Ople, Western Province Labor Office Director General Muhammad Ali Alhaghi, and Philippines Ambassador Alejandro D. Yango.

## Kayyal denies halting new phones

RIYADH, March 2 — The installation of new telephones in various parts of Saudi Arabia will at no time be suspended for a given period, the minister of post, telegraph and telephones, Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal, has said.

He described as baseless what was said recently to the effect that the installation of new telephones will be halted for a while in all parts of Saudi Arabia for technical reasons and because there were not enough tele-

phone sets.

The minister told *Al-Riyadh* newspaper that the ministry was duty bound to honor its commitments and that its target was to fix the new telephones within six hours. However, because of the lack of technical means, Saudi Telephone officials were unable to give an exact appointment for the installation.

He added that the government was keen on connecting every citizen to the telephone network, wherever he lives.

## Joint panel studies Arabsat project

RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — The Joint Arab Commission for the Use of the Arab Satellite in Information, Cultural and Development Purposes wound up a two-day session here Tuesday under Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani.

The session reviewed the state of implementation of the Arabsat project and the linking of the member states' ground television network. The meeting was attended by representatives from the Arab League; the Arab News Agencies Federa-

tion; the Arab States Broadcasting Federation; the Arab Communications Federation; the Arab Press Federation; and the Arab League Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Representatives of the ministries of posts, telegraph and telephones, finance and national economy, education, and information, as well as the Youth Welfare Presidency, the Arab Space Telecommunications Organization, the Gulf Television, and the Gulf Television Organization also attended the meeting.

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**Algerian message**  
RIYADH (SPA) — King Fahd received Tuesday Algerian Planning and Regional Development Minister Abdul Hamid Brahimi who delivered to him a written message from Algerian President Chadli Benjedid. The Algerian minister is currently visiting Saudi Arabia to attend the Saudi Arabian-Algerian Joint Committee meeting which began here Tuesday.

**Plastic arts show**  
RIYADH (SPA) — Youth Welfare President Prince Faisal bin Fahd Tuesday evening opened the seventh plastic arts exhibition at the presidency's exhibition hall.

After cutting the ribbon, he toured the various parts of the exhibition highlighting the various trends and development of plastic arts. The presidency's cultural affairs department has been preparing for the exhibition for the past seven years. Prince Faisal expressed satisfaction at the visitors' book. The exhibition will be open for ten days.

**TAIC chief**  
RIYADH — The Arab Investment Co. (TAIC) board has appointed Jad Suidan as its director general, according to TAIC sources here. He has been the deputy director general since 1980.



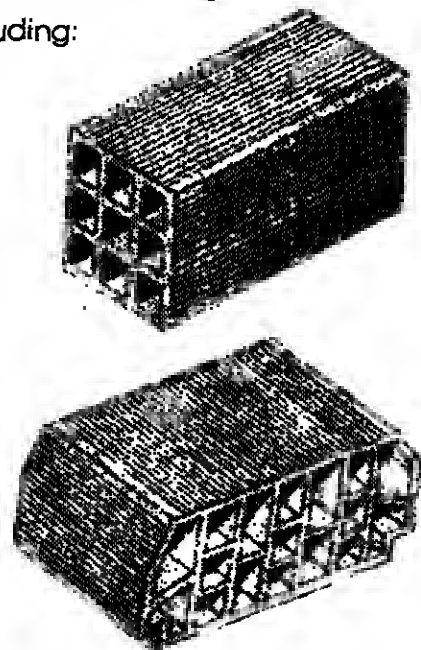
PRESS CONFERENCE: Islamic Development Bank Board of Governors Chairman Dr. Muhammad Nabulsi (left) and IDB President Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali (right) addressing a press conference at the IDB Headquarters in Jeddah, Wednesday.

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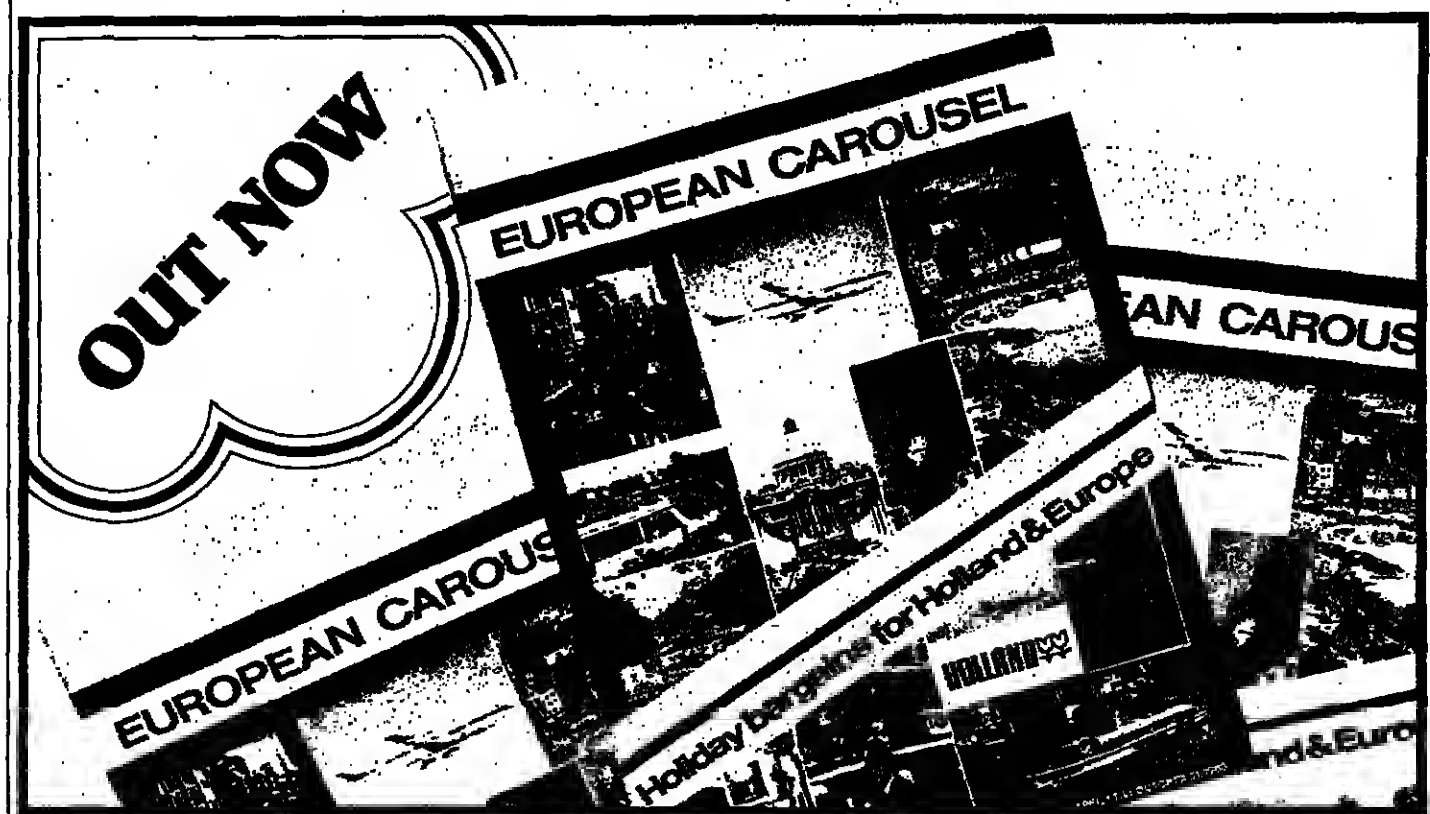
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## Aba Al-Khail explains benefits of GCC accord

RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — Finance and National Economy Minister Muhammad Aba Al-Khail has outlined the benefits of the Gulf economic unity agreement which came into force Tuesday. In an interview with SPA, Aba Al-Khail said the provisions which came into effect Tuesday covered three main sectors related to economic activity, commercial exchanges and exercising certain professions.

The minister noted that several meetings had been held by Gulf Cooperation Council officials to prepare for enforcing the provisions of the agreement. Citizens of GCC member states will enjoy equal freedom of economic activities in certain domains, he said.

Aba Al-Khail expressed hope that the agreement would help increase the movement of capital among member states, exploiting their wealth and the launching of joint projects in the various fields.

Locally-made goods will now find their way free of customs to the various GCC member states, and the next step will be the unification of customs duties on goods imported from abroad, he said.

Referring to fluctuation in oil prices, the minister said it was quite natural for revenue to drop in the event of reduced oil prices and lower oil production. He pointed out, however, that most GCC member states, including the Kingdom, had completed their basic projects and this would make their financial

requirements lesser in the future.

Earlier Tuesday Aba Al-Khail discussed economic cooperation with his Malaysian, Turkish and Bangali counterparts who are in Jeddah to participate in the seventh annual session of the Board of Governors of the Islamic Development Bank.

Aba Al-Khail Tuesday gave a dinner at Kandara Palace Hotel in Jeddah in honor of delegates to the IDB Board of Governors.

In the meantime, Kuwaiti Minister of State for cabinet affairs Abdul Aziz Hussein has been quoted as saying that the GCC accord will bring great benefits to the region's people.

The Kuwaiti minister also told the weekly magazine *Al-Yanama* that serious efforts were underway to put an end to the Iraqi-Iranian armed conflict.

Hussein said the Middle East peace plan unanimously adopted at the Fez Arab summit held last year was a practical formula to achieve a just and lasting settlement in the region.

Referring to the findings of an Israeli judicial commission of inquiry which investigated the Sabra and Shatila refugee camp massacres in Beirut, Hussein said they were meant to deceive international public opinion and show Israel as a democratic country. Criminals should not take part in the investigation, he added.

## U.S. real estate firm wants to have branches in Mideast

By Suresh Shah  
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 2 — Florida-based First Regency Development Corporation, a real estate developer and consulting firm, is seeking to establish a Middle East wide agency network. The company's marketing vice president, Anthony Ryman, has arrived here on a ten-day exploratory tour of the Kingdom and to appoint an agent here.

Ryman told *Arab News* the foundation for this network has been laid with the establishment of Middle East headquarters in Kuwait with Saad A. Aziz Al Wazzan Group as the Middle East agent for FRDC.

Recently, Al Ghurair Group of Dubai became the agent for the United Arab Emirates. "Bahrain also has got local agents representing the company," he added.

"We are in the process of establishing a non-profit European Property Information Service in Bahrain to supply all the information required by individual and corporate property investors," said Ryman. "The service will eventually expand to encompass not only European, but also American and Far Eastern property markets. A newsletter will be made available for the subscribers to provide up-to-date analysis of the property investment markets," he added.



Minister Aba Al-Khail

## 700 mineral deposits discovered

RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — Extensive explorations conducted by Saudi Arabians experts have confirmed the presence of large quantities of various kinds of minerals in the Kingdom. Undersecretary for Petroleum and Minerals Ghazi Sultan was quoted as saying in an interview with *Okaz*. He said Saudi Arabia had already entered the age of exploiting minerals and exploring the belts of mineral wealth lying in its territory.

Sultan said the Kingdom would begin exporting minerals this decade and in the next it would start establishing mineral-based industries. "Nearly 700 mineral deposits have been discovered in various belts spread all over the Kingdom. Among these, Al-Dar Al-Arabia is considered to be the richest region for minerals," he added.

Sultan said the Kingdom's biggest gold mine was located at Mahd Al-Dhabab.

"Exploration has further proved the existence of over 95 mineral sites in Al-Dar Al-Arabia region. Minerals such as copper, lead, zinc, and iron are found there in large quantities apart from seven plutonium, rocks which contain chromium, nickel, platinum and also copper," he added.

### Dam contract signed

RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, the minister of agriculture and water, has signed a SR35.4 million contract with a national firm for the construction of Arar Dam in Asir within 24 months. The 37 meter high and 143 long dam, at Arar Valley in southern Dhahran, will have a storage capacity of 963,600 cubic meters.

## Antique market making headway in Kingdom

By K.S. Ramkumar  
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 2 — Antiques have started finding a market in the Kingdom although its scope is limited because of the constant movement of the expatriate population, according to Faris Z.S. Bundakji, a dealer in antiques.

Bundakji, who is the director of the Remal & Co. Ltd., which deals in collector items like furniture and paintings, mostly European and dating back to the 17th century, told *Arab News* that his two-year experience has shown that the market in Jeddah is "probably not a very good one" for antiques.

"Jeddah's people comprise mostly pilgrims and those on work contracts ranging for a few years," he said adding that the city not being a good market for antiques is disappointing since it had one during King Saud's time at Haraj, in the heart of the city. "People bought beautiful pieces then and exhausted all resources. Unfortunately, the market for old, antique furniture has now yielded place to one for new furniture," Bundakji added.

He said the company initially started dealing in reproduction antiques and later on involved itself into actual antiques and has been cultivating the demand for them.

Bundakji said his experience has shown that there are people here interested in antiques, especially Arab antiques like the Arabesk paintings. The original antique paintings in particular are very much in demand. The genuineness of antiques need not be in doubt since there are professional companies like Sotheby's and Christie's, now big multinational corporations, handling and authenticating them.

However, the age of furniture items can be determined by testing its wood, Bundakji said adding: "But wood testing is not the ultimate in determining the genuineness of an antique furniture. There exist trees as old as three to four centuries in certain European countries. Another way of testing an antique furniture is by examining its design — whether it correlates to the designs of the age to which it belongs."

Bundakji said India, Egypt, Germany, France and Italy were among the many countries which are the known storehouses of antiques, especially furniture and paintings.

A visit to the company's showroom showed that there are antique furniture and paintings with their prices ranging from SR10,000 to as much as SR190,000. There is a unique writing table belonging to 1840, made of mahogany with leather top and equipped with bronze gilt, eagles at each corner and its feet built as lion paws. The eagles are a prominent feature of the desk and chair — the symbol which only the German royal family used.

There is also a splendor-cabinet "Florenz" belonging to 1870 and inlaid with semiprecious stones and marble. Described as an excel-

Though on limited scale



ANTIQUES: A glimpse of the Remal showroom at Khalid bin Walid Street showing a unique writing table made in 1840 using the symbol of eagles prominently on the desk and the chair. The symbol was used exclusively by the royal German family then. Partly seen at left is a German cabinet "Augsburg" belonging to the 17th century, inlaid with semiprecious stones and marble.

lent and unique piece, it is said that it was probably made for the world trade exhibition in Paris in the last century. Its attractive features include the four gilt bronzes standing at the breast-wall, a clock with the Roman numerals and two chairs. During this period, Florenz was beside Venice, the most important cultural city of Italy. Some of the marble inlaid were only found in the area of Florence. The marbles are rare and known the world over for their beauty.

Then there is a German cabinet "Augsburg" belonging to the 17th century. Its handles are studded with semi-precious stones and made of marble. Augsburg was a famous center of German cabinet makers in the 17th century. In their workmanship, they used a lot of expensive materials like semi-precious stones, ivory, different kinds of metals usually on the black polished wood.

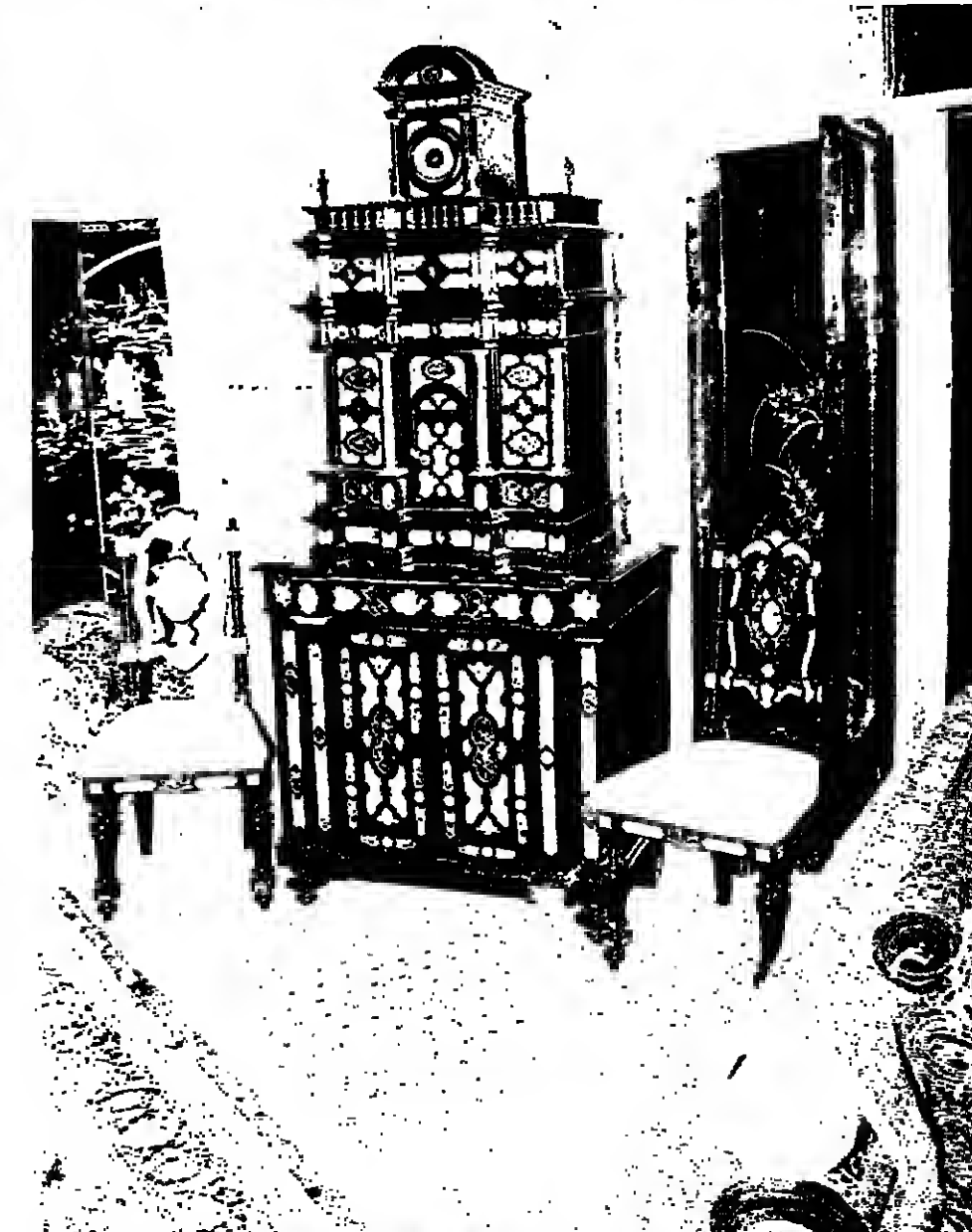
A 'Napoleon III table' on show has the gilt bronze fittings around the table-top and on the four legs. Measuring 146 by 88 by 75 centimeters, this type of furniture made was a technic invented by French craftsman Boulle who lived between 1642 and 1732. He

worked from 1672 for the French King Ludwig XIV. His technic was rediscovered under Napoleon III (1850-1875). The French used to identify the period of the furniture make by naming the items after the ruling monarch, while Europe used expressions like "Rokoko," and "Baroque."

Another interesting item is a 'Rokoko commode' of Sweden, belonging to 1765. Its drawers are inlaid with the wood of walnut and other fruits. This type of commode is described as a very typical example of the best and most precise Swedish craftsmanship of the Rokoko period. A similar commode is shown in the castle museum at Gripsholm, Sweden.

Equally attractive is a Napoleon III commode, richly inlaid with different fruit-woods and colored woods. It has gilt fittings, original on the legs and under the bottom drawer, with the rebuilt fittings on top drawers.

Dutch paintings like 'still life' of the 18th century, and 'Pigeon and Landscape' of the 17th century, and a copper engraving 'Hawking' belonging to 1843 also adorn the showroom.



UNIQUE: A "Florenz" cabinet at the Remal showroom inlaid with semiprecious stones and marble with four gilt bronzes standing at the breast-wall, a clock with Roman numerals and two chairs, made in 1870. Florence was the most important cultural city of Italy then.

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Asr (Afternoon)	3:55	3:55	3:26	3:12	3:37	4:06
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:27	6:26	5:57	5:43	6:07	6:36
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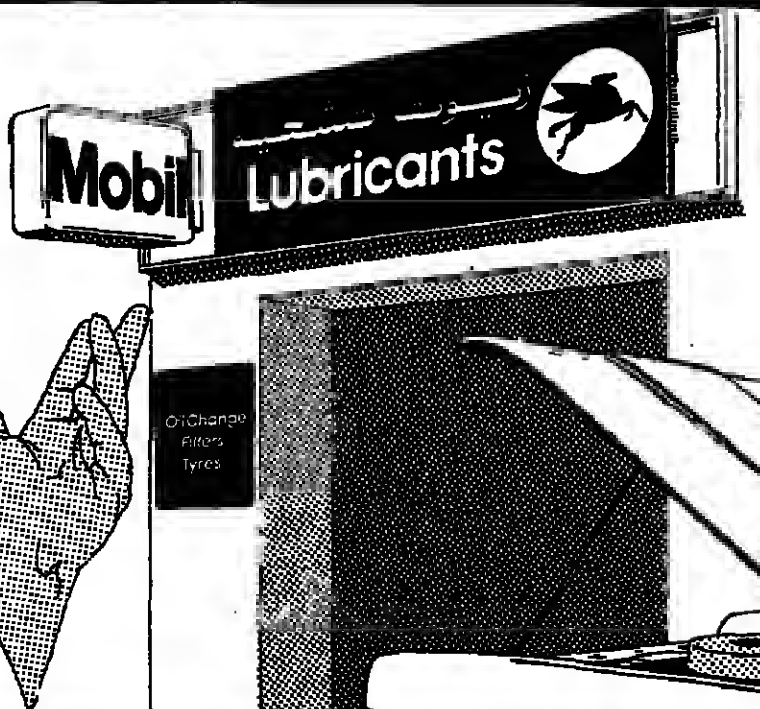


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## Arafat spells out terms for restoring Cairo links

KHARTOUM, March 2 (Agencies) — Provided Egypt "disentangles" itself from the Camp David peace arrangements with Israel, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) is willing to normalize relations with Cairo, PLO leader Yasser Arafat said here Tuesday.

"Acting on the Arab consensus, the PLO will keep its distance from Egypt as long as Egypt remains involved in Camp David," Arafat told newsmen. But he was hopeful he would be able to visit Egypt "in the very near future."

Peace in the Middle East could be attained only after Palestinian rights were restored, Arafat said. "No peace, no stability and no settlement shall be reached in the region by jumping over the legitimate right of the Palestinian people to return to their homeland, exercise self-determination and establish an independent state with Jerusalem as its capital," he insisted.

## UNESCO to launch 'save Mohenjodaro' appeal

ISLAMABAD, March 2 (AFP) — The site of one of the world's oldest cities — Mohenjodaro in Pakistan — will be washed away unless emergency action is taken to save it from the rising waters of the River Indus, UNESCO Director General Amadou Mahtar Mbow warned.

Mbow said he would be traveling to the ancient city, 400 kilometers north of Karachi, on Thursday to launch an appeal for international aid to the tune of \$17 million to save the city under a project to be run jointly by UNESCO and Pakistan.

The 5,000-year-old city built on 300 hectares which was uncovered in 1921 by British archaeologist Mortimer William is a remnant of the earliest civilization on the Indian sub-continent.

"Underground water is weakening its

## U.S. peace plan lacks 'correct framework' — De Cuellar

KUWAIT, March 2 (AP) — U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar was quoted here Wednesday as criticizing U.S. President Reagan's Mideast peace proposal as lacking the "correct framework" for a peace settlement between the Arabs and Israelis.

He also said the proposals, issued last Sept. 1, constituted "big progress" if compared with previous U.S. stances.

"In my opinion, this plan does not handle the Palestine question in a correct way," De Cuellar told the independent newspaper *Al-Qabas* in an interview. "The United Nations believes that no Middle East settlement can be attained without recognizing the right of the Palestinians to self-determination."

De Cuellar was in Kuwait on a two-day

The only options were intensification and escalation of military operation against Israel, or a peaceful settlement of the Palestinian issue, the PLO chief said.

He said the PLO had carried out 355 operations against Israeli targets in the past four months, but he did not elaborate. As regards the peaceful option, Arafat said he recognized and committed himself only to the plan unanimously adopted by Arab heads of state at their summit in Morocco last September.

Arafat's statement on the PLO's ties with Egypt conformed with a decision taken by the Palestine National Council (PNC) last month to make relations with Egypt dependent on it abandoning the United States-sponsored agreements. The PNC's decision sparked angry reactions from Egypt which said it was contrary to Palestinian interests.

Relations between Egypt and the PLO have improved steadily since Israel invaded Lebanon last June but seemed to suffer a

setback since the PNC decision. Arafat, who arrived here Sunday to attend the congress of the Sudanese Socialist Union (SSU), said that his group has submitted a complaint to the U.N. Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in which it accused Israel of the destruction and looting of the Palestinian Research Center in Beirut. He said the Israelis also killed 13 researchers in the center.

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## A mini-Arab summit likely in New Delhi

NEW DELHI, March 2 (R) — The heads of state of Egypt, Iraq and Jordan are expected to hold a tripartite meeting during next week's nonaligned summit, conference sources said Wednesday.

They said King Hussein of Jordan and Iraq's President Saddam Hussein had asked India, the host country, to put them in the same hotel as Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak.

Delegates from the countries said a tripartite summit was possible but they declined to give any details.

Such a meeting would be the first high-level Arab gathering involving Egypt since it was ostracized by other Arab states for signing a peace treaty with Israel in 1979.

Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz, and Egypt's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Boutros Ghali, Wednesday discussed the Gulf war, Palestinian issues and African questions to be raised at the summit starting on Monday.

An Iraqi official told Reuters that a meeting was being arranged between Aziz and Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamel Hassan Ali, who is due to arrive in New Delhi on Friday.

## Lebanese Army to seize basin held by militia

BEIRUT, March 2 (Agencies) — The Lebanese Army said Wednesday it would take control next Monday of a part of Beirut Port which for years has brought millions of dollars a month in illegal dues to Christian militiamen.

An army spokesman said the authorities had reached agreement with the "Lebanese Forces" Christian militia on handing over the fifth basin of the port.

Western diplomats said the basin, controlled by the militia since the start of the 1975-76 Civil War in Lebanon, had been its major source of income, bringing in as much as \$5 million a month.

The diplomats said that giving up control of security to the army in East Beirut two weeks ago had probably reduced the militia's expenses as it now needed to keep less men on permanent duty.

The militia will still receive money from its other ports north of Beirut and from a range of taxes it levies in East Beirut, including one on all sales of petrol.

The army's action, announced in a communique read on Beirut radio stations, is part of a government campaign to restore its authority after eight years of Civil War.

## With Esmat convicted Decks cleared for Mubarak to wage war on corruption



President Mubarak

CAIRO, March 2 (R) — The conviction on corruption charges of Esmat Sadat, brother of assassinated President Anwar Sadat, may give Egypt's current leader the opportunity to strike at government and political corruption and to introduce wider reforms.

Esmat Sadat and three of his sons were sentenced last month to one year in jail and their fortune estimated at \$148 million was impounded for the same period.

This was the toughest sentence available to the court of ethics, where ironically Sadat faced trial under the "laws of shame" introduced by his own brother to eliminate his political opponents.

Western analysts saw the verdict as an intentional condemnation of the entire Sadat era, while Egyptian opposition politicians said it was proof that corruption flourished under the late leader.

As a result of the Sadat case and other scandals, officials said President Hosni Mubarak was studying ways of eliminating dishonesty within the government and the ruling National Democratic Party.

There is speculation that Mubarak could drop at least three ministers from his cabinet as a result of allegations by prosecution witnesses at the trial that they were involved in corrupt dealings with Sadat's family.

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They include Communication Minister Sofian Metwalli Soliman, Supply Minister Ahmad Nour and Industry Minister Fuad Abu Zaghla.

All three denied the allegations, drawing the comment from the prosecutor at the trial: "I put the issue concerning those panic-stricken ministers at the court's disposal."

Dr. Mubarak, who pledged when he came to power to eliminate corruption, promised in recent interviews to dismiss any minister implicated in wrongdoing.

Last year two ministers were dropped following the conviction of Rashad Osman, member of parliament, on corruption charges. Both had denied helping him to make illegal profits.

Osman, a former leading member of the ruling party, served one year in jail and his property estimated at more than \$6 million was sequestered.

Another prominent former member of the party, Tawfik Abdul Hai, fled the country after being accused of amassing more than \$26 million through fraud and other illegal means. The Interior Ministry sought the help of Interpol to bring him home.

Egyptian officials said the Sadat trial had given Mubarak a chance to hit hard at corruption, whoever might be involved, while opposition critics took it as a chance to press their attacks on the late leader and his family.

The leftist *Al-Ahali* newspaper, organ of the Unionist Progressive Party, published several articles charging that corruption resulted from the policies of President Sadat.

## BRIEFS

AMMAN (R) — President Sandro Pertini of Italy will pay a state visit to Jordan from March 16 to 20 at the invitation of King Hussein, it was announced here Wednesday.

CAIRO (R) — Egypt's Defense Minister Field Marshal Muhammad Abdul-Halim Abu Ghazala, said a strong Egyptian Army would help prevent trouble or tension in the region.

ADDIS ABABA (AFP) — Ethiopia Wednesday denied reports, which it said were circulating in Europe and the United States, that it was to force the repatriation of some 35,000 of its nationals exiled in Djibouti.

DEHAKA (AP) — Twenty-seven opposition leaders who were arrested Feb. 14 following anti-government student demonstra-

tions were released Tuesday night. Home Ministry officials said Wednesday.

BEIRUT (AP) — The Lebanese government has withdrawn an official invitation for New York Mayor Edward Koch to visit the Lebanese capital, a U.S. Embassy spokesman said Wednesday.

PARIS (R) — Firing squads in Tehran's Evin Prison have executed 100 persons and a further 2,000 prisoners are awaiting execution, the left-wing People's Mujahadeen Organization said Wednesday.

MANAMA (AFP) — Iraqi naval forces destroyed Iranian tankers and offshore oil installations south of the port of Bandar Khomeini in an attack early Wednesday, the Iraqi news agency INA reported in a dispatch monitored here.

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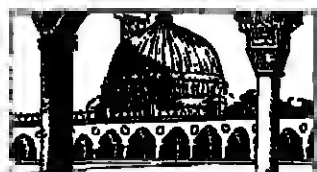
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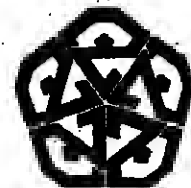
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## Bonn panel favors limiting aliens flow

BONN, March 2 (R) — A national commission unanimously agreed that there are many foreigners in West Germany, but it was deeply divided over how to limit their numbers. New restrictions proposed by some of the participants were almost exclusively aimed at the 1.6 million Turks — one-third of the foreigners.

The commission agreed Tuesday that the flow of foreign workers should be checked and that those already here should try harder to integrate with the local population. Apart from learning German, they must observe local life styles and working conditions and refrain from "excessive national religious behavior."

The commission was created by the government last year and comprised federal, state and local leaders. Its findings will be taken up at a cabinet meeting. The report said the number of foreigners has climbed to 4.67 million, or 7.5 percent of the total population, and could rise to seven million by the end of the century.

After the Turks, the biggest foreign communities are the Yugoslavs (632,000).

## Big Ben tower leaning

LONDON, March 2 (AP) — Government surveyors have concluded that the clock tower of Big Ben, the famous landmark rising from Britain's houses of parliament, is leaning.

Environment Undersecretary Sir George Young told the House of Commons on Tuesday that the tower is a full nine inches out of true perpendicular at its top.

The fact about one of Britain's best-known sights emerged when an opposition Labor Party member of parliament, Harold Walker, asked Young whether damage was being

done by construction of a lawmakers' parking garage underneath the Palace of Westminster, as the British Parliament buildings are formally known.

Sir George responded there had been "no discernable movement" in the tower because of the construction, nor had there been any for the past 15 years. But he added that surveyors long ago detected something of a lean.

"But is it leaning to left or right?" asked Alastair Burnet, anchorman of Independent Television's evening "News at 10."

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## Kenyan Asian loses appeal

LONDON, March 2 (AP) — A high court judge on Tuesday turned down an appeal by a Kenyan Asian to have a controversial immigration rule overturned to allow him to remain in this country with his British bride.

The rule, introduced by Home Secretary William Whitelaw in December 1980, meant that 24-year-old Prasanta Kararmaratne could not set up home in Britain with his bride, Carmen Nazareth.

Although a citizen of the United Kingdom, Miss Nazareth was not born here and neither were her parents. Under the law, had just one parent been born in Britain, her husband could have joined her permanently.

Karmaratne, contended the law breached the European convention of human rights, but the judge, Sir Hugh Forbes, said there was no evidence to indicate this and dismissed the appeal.

## Suharto won't seek re-election in '88

JAKARTA, March 2 (AP) — Former Speaker of Parliament Daryatomo said Wednesday that President Suharto will not run for re-election in 1988.

Daryatomo made the statement at the opening session of the 11-day session of the People's consultative Assembly (MPR), dur-

ing which Suharto is certain to be re-elected for a fourth term.

Speaking after Suharto's state address, Daryatomo said the president had told him of his decision. The MPR is expected to officially re-elect Suharto as president March 11. Suharto has been president since 1968.

## Envoy to U.S. leaves Peking

PEKING, March 2 (R) — China's new ambassador to the United States, Zhang Wenjin, left Peking Wednesday to take up his post at a time of considerable diplomatic tension between the two countries over U.S. arms sales to Taiwan.

Only Tuesday the Chinese Foreign Ministry issued a statement deeply deploring recent remarks by President Reagan that the United States would continue to help to maintain the Nationalist-ruled island's defensive capabilities.

China maintains that Taiwan is a rebel-held province under Peking's sovereignty and that the issue of eventual reunification is a Chinese internal problem.

Last month, after a visit to Peking by Secretary of State George Shultz, an official commentary said that while the issue remained unresolved "mutual trust between China and the United States is out of the question and bilateral relations cannot possibly develop on a sound basis."

Diplomatic sources said there was further trouble brewing over China's request to join the Asian Development Bank (ADB) on condition that Taiwan was expelled.

They pointed to Monday's statement by Shultz that the United States, after Japan the ADB's biggest contributor, would find it hard to continue its support if Taiwan were excluded. The sources added that, as long as the two sides remained at odds over Taiwan, there was the risk that normal bilateral issues could become affected by the poor atmosphere.

Zhang, 68, replaces Chai Zemin, China's first ambassador in Washington after diplomatic relations were normalized in January 1979. A former ambassador to Pakistan and Canada and until recently a vice foreign minister, Zhang has considerable experience of Sino-American problems.

## German terrorist held

BONN, March 2 (AP) — Police acting on a tip arrested a gun-toting woman identified as one of West Germany's top terrorists after struggling with her in a train station Tuesday.

The Interior Ministry said police had to overpower Gisela Dutzi but no shots were fired in the 11:40 a.m. (1040 GMT) arrest in Darmstadt.

A 50,000-mark (\$20,800) reward was posted two weeks ago for Ms. Dutzi's arrest, but there was no word on who led police to the 30-year-old fugitive or whether the reward would be collected.

Matching rewards also were offered for information leading to the arrests of 15 other persons described by the Federal Criminal Office as top terrorist suspects.

Authorities said Ms. Dutzi joined the ultra-right Red Army Faction in 1980 and is accused of providing information about U.S. military facilities to the gang.

The Red Army Faction, also known as the Baader-Meinhof Gang, has been linked to a bloody string of attacks against American installations, prominent German businessmen and politicians. Ms. Dutzi was carrying a Colt 945-caliber revolver and fake identity

papers when apprehended, the ministry said.

Investigators said Ms. Dutzi, using the alias Andrea Heim, rented an apartment where Red Army Faction leaders met. When police raided the apartment last August, documents were seized linking the gang to the left-wing revolutionary cells.

Authorities say the revolutionary cells became the country's most murderous terrorist group after the arrests of three alleged Red Army Faction ringleaders broke that organization's command structure last November.

The three were arrested after police stalked out 13 Red Army Faction weapons caches. The Red Army Faction terrorized Europe for 10 years and was blamed in 30 political slayings as well as several bank robberies, kidnappings and bombings.

The guerrilla group was founded in the late 1960s by student activist Andreas Baader and journalist Ulrike Meinhof. Both were arrested in 1972. Miss Meinhof was found hanged in her prison cell in May 1976, and Baader was found shot dead in his jail cell in October 1977. Authorities said both committed suicide.

## Senegalese poll results challenged

DAKAR, March 2 (AFP) — Senegal's seven opposition parties have challenged the results of Sunday's general elections, which were easily won by outgoing President Abdou Diouf and his Socialist Party.

Runner-up Abdoulaye Wade, who won 14.17 percent of the vote (against just under 84 percent for the president), told the pro-government newspaper *Le Soleil* Tuesday that Diouf would have been defeated if the elections had been regular. The voting was "a grotesque comedy," Wade said. "The Socialist Party does not represent anything in Senegal."

One of Wade's supporters described the elections as a charade, while a leading member of the Marxist Labor Party com-

plained of "generalized fraud."

Four parties which supported the candidature of former Prime Minister Mamadou Dia called a press conference to denounce what they saw as electoral malpractices. They called for support for organized social opposition to the government.

The results are to be verified and officially published by the supreme court in the coming few days. The Interior Ministry meanwhile issued semi official results Tuesday night showing that President Diouf's party had won 111 seats in the 120-house parliament.

Wade's party got eight seats with 13.9 percent. The National Democratic Rally of Anta Diop got the remaining seat with 2.62 percent of the vote.

## Armenians warn of more attacks

PARIS, March 2, (R) — Armenian guerrillas who Monday claimed a bomb attack on a Paris travel agency dealing in trips to Turkey have turned to commercial targets in their campaign against Ankara, Turkish diplomatic sources said.

A young French woman telephone operator was killed and four persons slightly injured when the bomb exploded outside the first floor offices of the Marmara Travel Agency near the opera in central Paris, police said.

The blast, caused by between 500 and 1,000 grams of explosive, brought the ceiling crashing down, badly damaged the stairwell and littered the pavement outside with glass.

The Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia (ASALA), the most prominent of Armenian guerrilla groups, claimed responsibility in telephone calls to news agencies and warned of more attacks on Turkish establishments in Paris.

The explosion, and a grenade attack on a Turkish Airlines office in Paris last month, followed a six-month lull since a wave of bomb attacks by Armenian guerrillas in the French capital injured more than two dozen people.

Turkish diplomatic sources said the guerrillas were trying to damage Turkey's economic position by putting tourists off visiting the country. "They have started attacking even French enterprises who work with Turkey," said one source. "This confirms a new phase of attacks. ASALA hopes it will affect trade with Turkey."

France has the largest Armenian community in Western Europe. The French daily *Le Monde* said in an editorial that by its latest bombing ASALA had embarked on a test of strength with the authorities. "The aim of this confrontation is clear: To obtain an assurance from Paris that French territory will be open to their activities and that they will not be too closely watched or pursued by the police," the newspaper said.

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## U.S. rules out shift in Salvador policy

WASHINGTON, March 2 (AP) — A review ordered by U.S. President Ronald Reagan will propose no dramatic shifts in U.S. policy toward El Salvador, despite warnings of a deteriorating military situation there, officials say.

Instead, it will urge the United States essentially to "stay the course" by providing more military aid for the Salvadoran Army and continued support for social and economic reforms, according to Reagan administration officials, who spoke only on condition they not be named.

"If you can't stay the course, you can't beat" the leftist guerrillas, said one official. "We've got to get serious about this."

On Monday, Reagan asked Congress for \$60 million in new military aid for the embattled Salvadoran Army and a senior administration official said the president was considering increasing the number of non-combat U.S. advisers in El Salvador above the current ceiling of 55.

Meanwhile, a top U.S. State Department official said Tuesday that Cuban-backed unrest would spread toward Mexico and the Panama Canal if Washington lets El Salvador's government be "knocked off" by leftist guerrillas.

"The struggle would go on, but on battlefields where the stakes would be much higher. We cannot permit that," Thomas O. Enders, assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs, told a house panel. "Major national interests of the United States are at stake," he said.

Administration officials also confirmed that U.N. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick returned from a recent trip to El Salvador with a sobering assessment of the Civil War, which has seen the insurgents on the offensive for the past four months.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick's assessment was "gloomy from the point that it (the war situation) doesn't seem to be going anywhere. ... But not gloomy from the point of view of going down the drain," said one defense official.

"What we're talking about is more of a psychological deterioration," he said. He added that the Salvadoran Army had failed to capitalize on the "promising" situation after

### Sri Lankan indicted

COLOMBO, March 2 (R) — Sri Lankan Sepala Ekanayake was indicted to stand trial on charges of hijacking an Italian aircraft last June and keeping ransom money. He is accused of hijacking an Alitalia Boeing 747 en route from New Delhi to Bangkok after threatening to blow it up.

He released the aircraft and the 261 persons on board at Bangkok Airport after being paid a ransom of \$300,000 and was granted safe passage to Colombo.

Colombo High Court Judge Tissa Bandaranayake who issued the indictment ordered the trial without jury to start on May 30 and turned down a bail request. The defendant faces life imprisonment if convicted.

the elections one year ago, when large numbers of Salvadorans turned out to vote despite guerrilla calls for an election boycott.

Now, he said, "the army is in a defensive mode and above all is the very poor economic situation." But the official said he saw little likelihood of a guerrilla victory.

"Unless the government just disintegrates — which I don't think will happen — the guerrillas are not just strong enough to win," he said.

## Italy may vote for return of Umberto

ROME, March 2 (R) — Political sources forecast an overwhelming parliamentary vote next week to revoke the ban on exiled former King Umberto's return home, but due to constitutional requirements this will not be enough to permit the early arrival of the 78-year-old ex-monarch.

The sources said a majority of party heads in the Chamber of Deputies, or lower house, Tuesday approved a proposal for a debate March 8 on removing the ban in the 1947 postwar constitution on the return to Italy of the king, his wife and male descendants.

The forecast overwhelming approval for the change next week after the debate on Umberto, who has cancer and is said to have expressed the wish to see his homeland.

But it was pointed out this would not be enough to allow Umberto's speedy return as constitutional changes have to be passed both in the Chamber and the upper house, or Senate, two times with a minimum three-month pause in each chamber between the two readings. In addition, suggestions for extraordinary measures to speed up the process in view of the gravity of his illness have not yet found widespread political backing.

Social Democratic leader Pietro Longi has not won major support for his suggestion that Umberto, now in a Geneva hospital, be granted an entry visa promptly, with the constitution change made later. The issue of Umberto's return has been a sensitive one in the past. But today political sources said all parties, including the Communists, now felt that the ban was an anachronism. He has been in exile almost 37 years.

The ban originally was imposed due to fears for the stability of the infant republic set up after World War II and also reflected resentment over what was perceived as the monarchy's quick capitulation to Benito Mussolini's fascist rule.

The proposal for the debate a week hence was made by the Chamber Speaker Nilde Iotti. The debate is to be introduced by liberal Aldo Bozzi, who wants the legislative change in the constitution, political sources reported.



WITH CRUTCHES: King Juan Carlos of Spain (center with crutches) poses with newly promoted officers, after they were sworn in Tuesday at the Zarzuela Royal Palace in Madrid. It is the first public appearance of the king since he broke his pelvis while skiing in Switzerland, one month and a half ago.

## Poland sees move to scuttle pope visit

WARSAW, March 2 (AP) — Polish government spokesman Jerzy Urban said that extremists were trying to turn church services into political meetings to disrupt the planned June trip of Pope John Paul II to his homeland.

Urban's remarks, at a midday news conference for Polish and foreign correspondents, came two days after police detained five persons after a mass for the outlawed Solidarity labor federation Sunday night in northern Warsaw.

Urban claimed that several hundred of those attending the mass began a "political march" away from the church. His version contradicted accounts by Western correspondents on the scene Sunday night, who said that a line of 200 helmeted riot police, backed by two water cannon, confronted the worshippers and checked their documents as they quietly left the church.

The heavy security appeared to prevent repetition of protests which followed church services in Warsaw and three other Polish cities over the past two weeks, reflecting tension over rising prices and other economic woes, coupled with popular resentment over dissolution of Solidarity last October.

Police in the southern Polish coal center of Katowice detained a former Solidarity activist, Kazimierz Switon, inside a church there last Wednesday night in an apparent effort to defuse a political demonstration. Urban denied the Switon was detained inside the

church. "However, the churches are used for political events," he said. "Some marches are organized after people leave churches, even when priests ask them to go home peacefully, although there are priests who support this kind of activity," Urban said.

"The organizers of such events intend to disturb the atmosphere of the papal visit to Poland," he said, reasserting that both the Communist government and Poland's powerful church favor the papal visit.

## Kirkpatrick cancels college speech

NORTHAMPTON, Massachusetts, March 2 (AP) — Jeane Kirkpatrick, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, will get an honorary degree from a leading American women's college even though she canceled a graduation appearance there because of opposition from some students and teachers, officials said.

Smith College spokeswoman Ann Shanahan said Tuesday trustees had reaffirmed their intention to award Mrs. Kirkpatrick a doctor of laws degree. Some senior class members and professors had protested Mrs. Kirkpatrick's appearance at graduation ceremonies because of her support of the government of El Salvador.

Students said they would stage a protest when Mrs. Kirkpatrick spoke during graduation in May. One of them was Miriam Ford, the niece of Ita Ford, one of three Catholic

nuns killed in El Salvador in 1980.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick commented in 1980 that the slain women were "not just nuns, but political activists" Miss Ford said Tuesday: "Obviously, we're disappointed."

Last week Mrs. Kirkpatrick announced she would not attend the commencement because the college would be unable to prevent outsiders from disrupting the ceremony, which is held outdoors.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick cut short one speech and canceled another last month at the University of California at Berkeley after the audience heckled her appearance on the stage. The audience chanted slogans, including "U.S. out of El Salvador."

In 1981, she canceled a commencement speech at Trinity College in Washington after students protested her position on El Salvador.

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## BRIEFS

WARSAW, (R) — A Warsaw prosecutor has brought charges against two Poles who posed as policemen to gain access to apartments of about half a dozen Americans living here and stole cash and jewelry, the official press reported Wednesday. The reports said the gang entered the apartments of Lithuanians, Syrians and Iraqis between July and October last year on the pretext of checking their identities and searching their homes. They stole more than \$17,000 worth of foreign currencies and jewelry worth more than \$300.

NEW DELHI (AP) — Thirteen more persons died Tuesday of burns received when a gasoline tank truck crashed and exploded Monday in Madras, southeastern India, raising the toll in the fiery tragedy to 20, news reports said. Workers from a nearby brick kiln quickly surrounded the damaged vehicle and were scooping up leaking gasoline in pots and buckets when it exploded, engulfing them in flames, the reports said. Six persons were killed on the spot and one died Monday night. About 50 persons were injured.

BERLIN (AP) — A Spanish film and a British entry won top awards Tuesday at the close of the 33rd international film festival in Berlin. The Golden Bears went to *Ascendancy*, by Englishman Edward Bennett, and *La Colmena* (the beehive), by Spaniard Mario Camus.

NAIROBI (AFP) — A court-martial here Tuesday sentenced a 10th former serviceman to death for his part in the bloody unsuccessful attempt to overthrow the Kenyan government last August. Senior Pvt. George Akoth Otia, 27, of the now-disbanded Kenya Air Force, was found guilty on seven counts arising from the aborted coup, in which 159 persons are said officially to have lost their lives. Nearly 1,000 other ex-KAF members, including former Air Force Cmdr. Peter Kariuki, have been sentenced to terms ranging from dismissal from the armed forces to 25 years in jail.

NEW YORK (R) — Many close friends of playwright Tennessee Williams, but none of the major actors and actresses who starred in his plays, attended a funeral service for him here Tuesday night. About 300 persons braved a rainy and windy night to crowd into the funeral home. Williams, 71, was found dead in his Manhattan hotel room last Friday. An autopsy showed that he had choked on the cap from a medicine container.

HAMBURG, West Germany (AFP) — A court here Tuesday ordered the publisher of the newspaper *Bild am Sonntag* not to print further allegations that Social-Democrat Party (SDP) chancellor candidate Hans-Jochen Vogel was a cultural official in the Hitler Youth Movement.

SUVA, Fiji (AP) — The Fiji government pressed planes and helicopters into service Wednesday to assess damage caused by hurricane Oscar, which brushed the south coast of the main island of Viti Levu and left two dead on Tuesday night. Weather men said it had lost some of its intensity but winds of between 80 and 110 knots could be expected near its center.

PEKING (AFP) — China and the Soviet Union have established diplomatic relations, Chinese radio reported Wednesday. In addition, it was announced that Ivory Coast and China decided to establish diplomatic relations at ambassador level from Wednesday.

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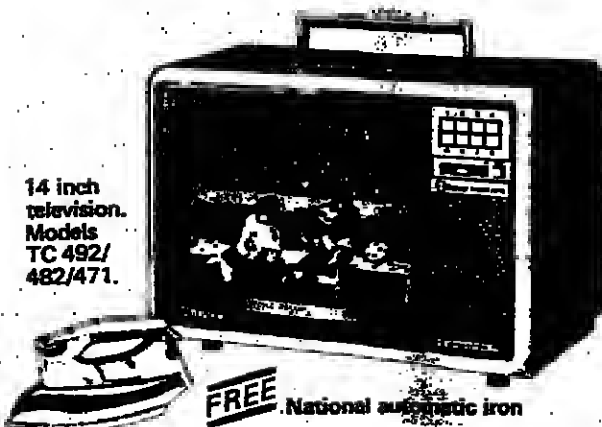
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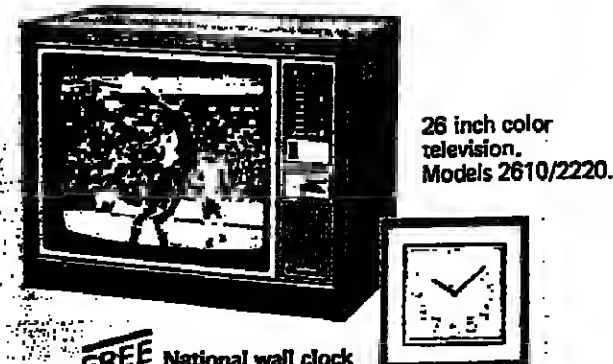
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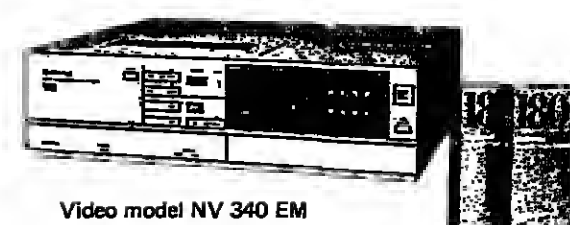
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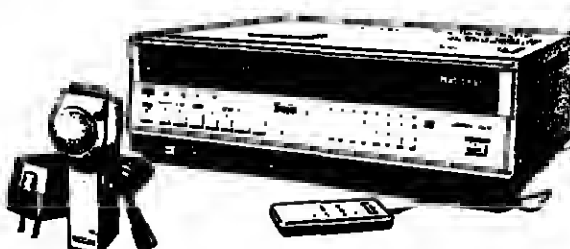
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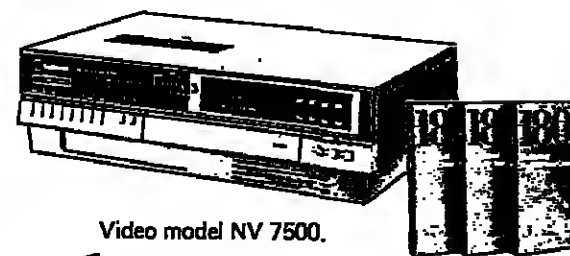
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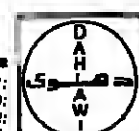
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## Saudi Arabian press review

Several newspapers Wednesday hailed King Fahd's statement that the Kingdom "abides by its declared stand on the Palestine cause."

Commenting on King Fahd's remarks at the recent cabinet meeting, *Al-Jazirah* stressed that the Saudi leader had spared no effort to ensure Arab-Palestinian solidarity capable of liberating occupied Arab lands and safeguarding the Palestinian people's inalienable rights, including self-determination and an independent state.

It also appreciated the king's call to Palestinian leaders to unify their ranks to face enemy challenges.

*Okaz* said the Kingdom was throwing its full weight behind the Palestine cause "which is the crux of the Middle East problem." Saudi Arabia has supported all unified decisions taken by Palestinian leaders, particularly the Palestine National Council's (PNC) resolutions which reflected their national unity and determination to recover the usurped rights.

The paper highlighted King Fahd's call to intensify efforts to

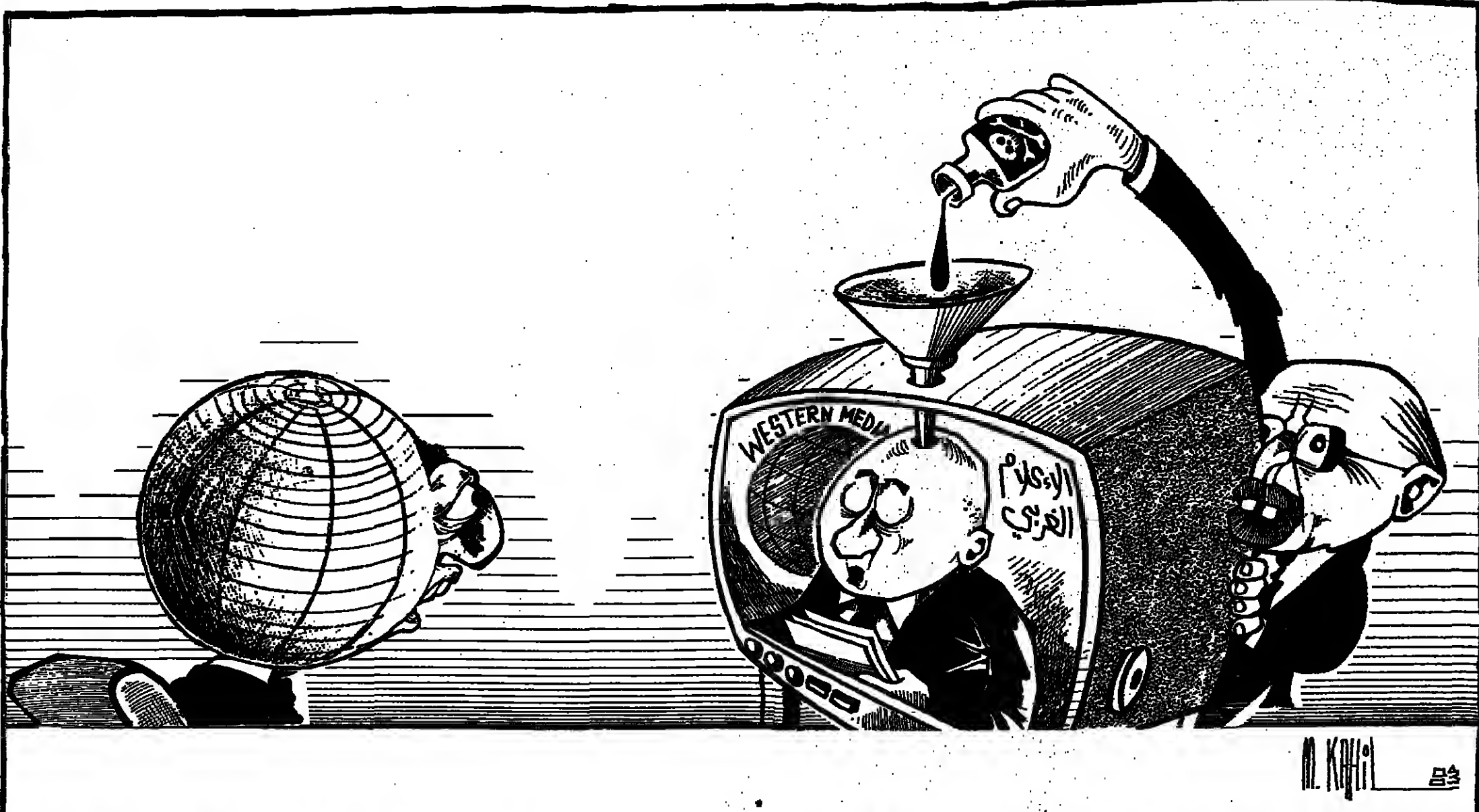
draw up a joint Arab strategy "that can make use of available positive factors needed for realizing a just and durable peace in the region."

*Al-Bilad* said the current stage represented a turning point in the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict and urged all Arab states to respond to the king's call to close their ranks and face common challenges.

*Al-Yom* said the King Faisal International Award has realized its desirable goals in the service of Islam, Muslims and all humanity. Referring to the distribution of prizes Tuesday night by King Fahd, it said the event had satisfied the long-awaited aspirations of Arab-Muslim scientists and scholars.

King Fahd's participation in the ceremony was meant to honor distinguished Arab and other scientists and scholars from all over the world and show the king's willingness to build the Islamic society on solid foundations.

The paper added that the prize had helped Arab and Muslim scientists and scholars to regain their merited place throughout the world. (SPA)



## Federal rule may be reimposed on turbulent Assam

By William Claiborne

NEW DELHI —

As Hindu-Muslim violence continues sporadically in northeastern Assam, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government appears to be resigned to the prospect of reimposing federal control in the state.

A new state government — based on the results of last week's elections for the state legislature — was sworn in Sunday night as paramilitary forces stood guard outside the government house amid uncertainty about how long it would remain in office.

The new legislature — dominated by Mrs. Gandhi's Congress (I) Party — was elected amid communal massacres that turned the lush Brahmaputra Valley into a medieval nightmare. Officials are hinting that if the violence is not to spread to other insurgency-prone states, some sort of federal control must be applied in Assam.

A reluctant acknowledgment that the democratic process in Assam has been compromised is emerging as leaders of the extremist ethnic movement warn that they are ready to begin a second phase of their battle. Their objective is to strike from the electoral rolls nearly 4 million Bengali-speaking Muslim immigrants from Bangladesh and expel nearly a million of them to surrounding Indian states. The spread of violence during the past month demonstrated wide support among indigenous Assamese, including tribesmen in remote regions of the state, for the movement's aims.

The threatened second phase would be a paralysis of life throughout Assam and violent confrontations in the state capital, Gauhati, and elsewhere aimed at preventing the elected government from functioning. As the new state government formed

by Mrs. Gandhi's party was sworn in Sunday in Gauhati, the Assamese protesters struck for 24 hours and blacked out the city.

Since the turbulent elections that Mrs. Gandhi insisted upon holding may have been only the start of communal violence, the government appears likely to employ a constitutional loophole to reimpose the central rule that has governed Assam for the past year.

The state assembly that was elected by a meager turnout of voters in the elections is to be installed by March 19. Constitutionally, it could then be immediately dissolved. The same kind of one-year "president's rule" that was imposed last March following disturbances would be declared in Assam, giving the Gandhi government breathing room to resume negotiations with the student-led ethnic movement about the status of the immigrants.

The All-Assam Students' Union and 10 other mostly professional organizations that have led the protests for three years repeatedly had said they preferred an extension of federal rule to the election, which was swept by Mrs. Gandhi's Congress (I) Party.

While that strategy would merely defer a resolution of the ethnic movement leaders' demand to disenfranchise and deport the immigrants, it presumably would calm passions in Assam and, some government officials felt, stem the carnage that has swept across the state.

What is emerging from Assam is a growing awareness that the massacres are less a direct result of the political controversy over the bolding of state elections than they are a outlet for rage that has been building since partition of the subcontinent in 1947 — and even as far back as the turn of the century.

The seven northeastern states and territories connected to the rest of India by a narrow land corridor traditionally have been outside India's dominant cultural stream. Because the region, which was subdivided into smaller states in the 1960s and 1970s, had a marginal Hindu majority and not enough Muslims to be incorporated into then East Pakistan, it was made part of the Indian Union when the British drew the new subcontinent map.

But even before partition, the genesis of the current conflict was beginning to take shape, starting with an influx of immigrants into Assam from the eastern part of Bengal in the early 1900s. Assam, whose name is derived from 12th century settlers who arrived from what is now Thailand, had been incorporated into imperial India by a 1826 treaty between the British and the Burmese. In 1931, a British census superintendent, C.S. Mullin, foresaw the danger posed by Muslim immigration from what is now Bangladesh, and warned of a growing demographic imbalance.

Further immigration by both Hindus and Muslims from East Pakistan following partition was compounded by fresh waves of refugees to Assam during the Bangladesh war of liberation in 1970-71, reaching a point where the indigenous Assamese felt threatened by what they call the "foreigners."

The inclusion of "foreigners" on the electoral rolls led to a widespread boycott of the 1980 election by indigenous Assamese, and the student-led ethnic movement has since been agitating for a revision of the voting lists and the expulsion of illegal immigrants who arrived after 1961. The Gandhi government had proposed that foreigners who illegally entered Assam after 1971 be stricken from the electoral rolls and that steps be taken to

deport them.

When protracted negotiations, some attended by Mrs. Gandhi, broke down, the prime minister announced that the elections would be held despite threats of widespread violence. Her opponents in parliament have said the decision was based either on a miscalculation of the potential for massacres or a cynical attempt to exploit an opportunity to lead the Congress (I) to an absolute majority in Assam and pick up a few seats in the parliamentary by-election there.

Stung by such criticism, Mrs. Gandhi has said she could not have foreseen the scale of violence that accompanied the election, and that the only alternative would have been to yield to an extremist pressure group that openly sought to subvert the democratic process. That, the prime minister said, would encourage militancy by other regional or separatist forces.

Some Indian analysts have suggested that in the wake of recent election defeats to regional parties in two southern Indian states, Mrs. Gandhi may have felt that her political prestige could not absorb another setback, even though the Congress (I) controlled or shared control in 15 of India's 22 states.

If she reimposes federal rule in Assam, as expected, she will still have on the record a Congress (I) majority there, and can, when order is restored, revive the elected legislature anytime during its five-year term. Her party won 90 of the 126 seats in the state assembly.

Because of the remoteness and inaccessibility of many of the villages destroyed in the nearly three weeks of massacres, nobody is certain how many lives have been lost. Foreign journalists have long been banned from Assam, part of India's strategically sensitive border region, and Indian reporters have been unable to travel to some stricken areas where roads and bridges have been cut off by marauding raiders.

Unofficial estimates run as high as 2,500 to 3,000 dead, many of them along a stretch of 60 miles in the central Nowgong district. Hardest hit was the area of Nelli, scene of a massacre by tribal raiders in which at least 500 Muslim immigrants were killed by raiders with spears, bows and arrows and machetes on Feb. 11 and 12.

The number of confirmed deaths — bodies actually recovered — is lower, slightly over 1,000, but officials concede that is partly because of the chaos in Assam as thousands of refugees have fled to the border state of West Bengal and union territory of Arunachal Pradesh.

The violence has revived troubling questions about India's stated aim of achieving "unity in diversity," and has posed new challenges to Mrs. Gandhi's resolve to steel the state against the centrifugal forces generated by a vast array of cultural, ethnic and linguistic communities. (WP)

## Some Russians still feel nostalgic about Stalin

By John Morrison

MOSCOW —

Thirty years ago this week, with a roll of drums, Moscow radio broke the news to the Soviet people that "the heart of Lenin's comrade-in-arms, the standard-bearer of his genius and his cause...has ceased to beat."

The death of Josef Stalin on March 5, 1953, marked a watershed in Soviet history but the date is likely to be passed over in silence, as was the 20th anniversary in 1973. The Soviet Union prefers to commemorate births rather than deaths. The 100th anniversary of Stalin's birth three years ago was marked cautiously by *Pravda* which called him a "complex and contradictory historic figure."

When the Georgian-born dictator died in his country home at Kuntsevo, near Moscow, 29 years after succeeding Vladimir Lenin, founder of the Soviet state, his Politburo colleagues appealed to their bewildered fellow-citizens not to panic. "I couldn't control myself. I wept sincerely over Stalin's death," wrote Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet leader who was to denounce Stalin as a murderous tyrant a mere three years later.

Thirty years on, the climate of terror used by Stalin to keep the Soviet Union under his spell has vanished. But many pillars of the system he created are still in place.

When President Leonid Brezhnev died last November, the outward trappings of his funeral recalled the death of Stalin, but the impact of the changeover was vastly different.

## Long March ends for Marshal Ye Jianying

By Jonathan Mirsky

LONDON —

At the age of 85, China's acting head of state and its most venerable marshal, Ye Jianying, has taken his own advice to younger leaders and decided to retire.

To his comparatively youthful comrades on the party's standing committee, it must have appeared that Marshal Ye, who cannot stand unsupported, would never "withdraw to the second line." Ye's impending retirement was reportedly disclosed last week in Peking to a Japanese labor leader by the party's secretary general, Hu Yaobang. It will be the end of the long march to power for the man known, like the late Premier Chou En-lai for being politically adroit, rather than for his heroics on the battlefields or his strategic genius. A veteran of the 1934 Long March and every subsequent convulsion of Communist politics, Ye's career also stretches far back to the republic founded by Sun Yat-sen.

Born in South China's Guangdong province, into a merchant family, Ye served in the republican armies formed after 1911 and by the early 20s was teaching under Chiang Kai-shek in China's

Whangpoa Military Academy, where one of his fellow instructors was Chou En-lai. Already a Communist by 1927, Ye maintained links with his Nationalist ex-colleagues through the 30s when he guided them in guerrilla tactics against the Japanese.

His political acumen was recognized by Mao who dispatched him in 1946 to negotiate with U.S. General George C. Marshall during his fruitless mission to end the civil war between the Nationalists and the Communists.

After the 1949 Communist victory, Ye virtually ran his native Guangdong province for five years until 1954 when he was recalled to Peking for a major reorganization of the Chinese government in which he then held increasingly important party and military posts. Americans who knew Ye during the civil war years described him as able to get on with everyone. This affability, perhaps, enabled him to survive the vortex of Maoist politics which in the late 50s pulled down other senior military men, and in the Cultural Revolution from 1966 to 1976, swallowed up hundreds of other state leaders.

In 1977, he is said, Ye's approval was required for the rehabilitation of Deng Xiaoping, and in the

same year, Ye's speech signaled the party's disapproval of the Cultural Revolution — and therefore of the dead Mao — by referring to it as an unrelieved catastrophe.

But although he helped rescue Deng from political oblivion, Ye maintained his independence from the post-Mao leadership. Late last year, he reminded the army that without Mao, China would still be dominated by foreigners. Last year, despite his ritual remark to the party congress that younger phoenixes sing more sweetly than older ones, Ye astounded the top leadership by refusing to make way for the next generation, a move seen as a defeat for Deng Xiaoping.

Ye's weak spot, however, is the alleged corruption of his Cantonese family. When Deng Xiaoping vanished from sight in early January, 1982, it was rumored that he had gone to the deep south to get information on the Ye clan. A year's anti-corruption campaign followed, complete with well publicized exposures of multi-million pound embezzlers and even a few televised shootings. But Chinese whispered among themselves that this was only "fly swatting," and "the big tigers still lurked behind high walls." (LOS)

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, March 3, the 62nd day of 1983. There are 303 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1638 — Franco-Swedish alliance is renewed for three years.

1707 — Mogul Emperor Aurangzeb dies in India and is succeeded by Bahadur.

1861 — Emancipation of Russian serfs is proclaimed.

1905 — Russia's Czar Nicholas II promises religious and political reforms.

1918 — Peace treaty of Brest-Litovsk is signed between Russia and central powers.

1932 — Chinese forces are driven back from Shanghai by Japanese.

1944 — U.S. fighter planes make first appearance over Berlin, Germany, in World War II.

1955 — Greece, Yugoslavia and Turkey establish representative parliamentary council.

1958 — Nuri-Al-Said forms ministry in Iraq.

1969 — Demonstrators swarm around Soviet Embassy in Peking as Soviet Union and China exchange protest notes over border dispute.

1974 — Turkish airliner crashes in forest near Paris, killing 345 persons.

1978 — United States rebukes Soviet Union for refusing to agree to final communiqué at East-West conference in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, on human rights grievances.

1980 — U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance calls on NATO alliance to present united front in opposing Soviet occupation of Afghanistan.

Thought for today:

People ask you for criticism, but they only want praise — Somerset Maugham, English writer (1874-1965).



# Zimbabwe strives to reverse decades of land discrimination

By Jay Ross

CHINYIKE, Zimbabwe (WP) — Justin Morris proudly displayed the slip of paper that proved his illegal squatting on government land had been worthwhile.

Government officials had just assigned his family of three wives and seven children to a 30-acre plot in field 62 of village 17 at Chinyike, a vast agricultural resettlement project 80 miles southeast of Harare, capital of Zimbabwe.

The friend he was visiting, Joel Chivunga, had not been so lucky. Chivunga's family of 10, including three wives and six children, ages 1 to 8, were living in fear that the police would evict them from the small plot they had been occupying for four months.

Their two huts had a look of impermanence and were placed out of sight of the road to Chinyike, which is scheduled to provide a new home for 4,000 landless families in the largest resettlement project in this southern African country. The different fates of the two families illustrate the dilemma faced by the young government of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe as it strives to reverse decades of land discrimination against blacks by the previous white government of Rhodesia. Half the farming land — the most fertile part — was reserved for about 5,000 white farmers. The other half was slowly worked out by about 750,000 black peasant farmers.

Mugabe has launched an ambitious program designed to resettle about 10 percent of the country's 7.5 million population on land purchased by the government from the whites and yet not disturb Zimbabwe's enviable status as one of the few black African countries that is self-sufficient in food. The white farmers produce about 90 percent of Zimbabwe's marketed agricultural output.

The plan calls for more than half of the white-owned farmland, about 20 million acres, to be bought by the government and then farmed by landless blacks on private plots, cooperatives and state farms.

If Mugabe moves too rapidly, Zimbabwe could shift from the elite ranks of food exporters to the common African pattern of food importer. If he goes too slowly, he will face mounting political opposition, because to

hundreds of thousands of blacks, the bloody war that brought independence three years ago was fought over land. So far Mugabe has acted cautiously, with only about 18,000 families resettled, mainly on individual plots, in 2 1/2 years. The government, however, has now set a target of resettling 162,000 families, if possible, in the next three years, a goal that is almost certainly unreachable. The current rate of settling 1,300 families a month would have to be almost quadrupled to attain the goal.

"We are definitely behind schedule," said Langford Chitsike, permanent secretary in the Ministry of Lands, Resettlement and Rural Development. He blamed water shortages for most of the delay but also cited organizational difficulties and dissident violence. The squatters maintain pressure on the government, and they also devastate the land by farming on steep terrain and riverbanks, cutting down trees and grazing cattle indiscriminately.

Although no firm figures exist, one official estimated that there are 75,000 squatters in the mountainous eastern highlands near the Mozambique border, a stronghold of Mugabe's political support. Most are urban residents who are not eligible for land. Most of the squatting is on government land not yet allocated for resettlement, but one white farmer had about 800 squatters for two years before the government moved them to a new settlement or back to a mission.

For Mugabe to solve the squatter problem by force is "like spitting in the face of his own voters," said Morris Msimbwa, a veteran official in government and private resettlement projects. One official noted that squatters often accompany their demands for land with contributions to Mugabe's party. Such political pressure is of great concern to Jim Sinclair, head of the Commercial Farmers' Union, which represents the white farmers.

"The resettlement program is far too much a response to political pressure rather than economic reality," he said.

To resettle 162,000 families under the program means the government will have to buy 60 percent of the 40 million acres of white-owned farmland, he said, or 24 million acres. That would put some of the most pro-

ductive acreage in the hands of novice farmers, since the program is for the landless and jobless. Experience in farming is not a requirement.

It will also mean, according to Sinclair, that most of the 300,000 families currently working for the commercial farmers will either have to be moved or accommodated in the resettlement schemes.

"What's the point of destroying something to replace it with something that doesn't work as well?" Sinclair asked.

He also said the projected plots for individual farmers, which have been progressively reduced from 200 acres to as little as 12 in some cases, are too small to be viable. The farmers will not have title to the land, but only the use of it on a renewable annual lease, which, he maintained, will block expansion and individual initiative and hamper productivity.

The ministry's Chitsike responded that officials "are trying, as much as they can, to not disturb highly productive farms," which provide "a bankable source of supply." State farms, he said, operate on the same basis as commercial farms and can supplant them in some cases, although in many African countries such ventures have failed.

Rather than fragmenting good farmland, the sites can become cooperatives, supporting 50 or more families, he said. Although most of the farmers resettled so far have been placed on individual plots at their request, the government hopes eventually that more than half will be in cooperatives. He also challenged the assumption that black peasant farmers will be less productive. Under the old regime, he said, whites got all the advantages while blacks "were cut off from anything that modernized agriculture."

The average white farmer received \$18,000 a year in short-term credit while the figure for the black peasant farmer was \$2, he said. Blacks had the worst land, did not receive agricultural extension services and were cut off from market by lack of transport, he added.

Chitsike noted that in 1981, the first harvest after independence, the black communal lands produced a surplus of food, reversing the pattern of food insufficiency. One place where Sinclair and Chitsike agreed was in the area of cooperatives.

"If cooperatives are properly run, they are a better answer to resettlement than individual ownership" because of the economies of size, Sinclair said.

The problem for the government is that most of those resettled have resisted cooperatives, opting instead for their own plot. "We think it is better to work individually," said Victor Nyamurera who recently moved to the delta project about 70 miles south of Harare. "People in cooperatives think differently. I don't it is necessary to join a cooperative."

The government hopes to lure settlers by providing electricity, better transportation and more schooling at cooperatives, to which Nyamurera responds, "the government can provide it for them. Why not for us?"

Twenty miles away at Shandisiyo-Pfingwa cooperative where 84 families are now living, there was a different point of view. Mike Gomber, 21, the deputy secretary, said, "the cooperative is both employment and a home." Vivian Maresca, the district administrator for the area, said that in general young people are the only ones interested in cooperatives since they have never had any land before, even in the worked-out communal areas.

One exception is Simon Pauls, 52, who worked for 18 years as a "garden boy" for the white owner, J.W. Klobers, before he sold the 6,200-acre farm to the government in 1981 for about \$110,000. Pauls' starting salary was about \$9 a month plus housing and food and it had only reached \$21 by the time of independence after which a minimum wage of \$75 was introduced.

Now, as he puts it, he is "self-management," in charge of raising the cooperative's chicks.

It's better than the old days," he said, adding that he'd "still like to have more room" for his family of five children and two grandchildren.

Members of a privately funded cooperative, Simukai, just outside Harare, found that all but seven of the 56 workers on the old commercial farm they are renting left because they did not understand the principle of cooperatives. "It's quite difficult to come and work and not be paid," said Nkosana Sibanda, deputy chairman, "but the time is going to come when people will be paid."

The cooperative is assisted by the Zimbabwe Project, a private relief organization, but much of the funds come from the ex-combatants who comprise most of the membership. The 40 ex-combatants invest more than half of their monthly \$200 demobilization pay, which will terminate this year.

Even though most of the resettlement projects are in their infancy with some just planting their first crop, the government program is already one of the largest in Africa. In the first year and a half, the government bought more farmland than Kenya purchased in the first 15 years of resettlement after independence.

About 5 million acres have been bought or are under negotiation so far at a projected price of \$44 million, which includes development costs for schools, roads and irrigation. Most of the land was abandoned during the war and is being purchased on a "willing buyer, willing seller" basis. Britain is providing half the money as part of its assistance to its former colony.

Current plans call for the purchase of at least another 37.5 million acres. Sinclair said there will not be that much land willingly available. A diplomat familiar with the program said that in the short term there is no way the government can remove that much land from the commercial sector and maintain agricultural production. He was more optimistic, however, for the long term if the government withstands the pressures to move rapidly.

"So far, they have trod the tightrope of conflicting pressures fairly well," he concluded.



MUSSOLIANI: A man glances at a book on Mussolini in a bookstore in downtown Rome. The birth centenary of the Italian dictator is witnessing publication of new books and release of new films on the most controversial Italian of this century.

## Mussolini places Italy in dilemma

By George Armstrong

ROME (LAT) — Predappio is a town of 6,200 people in central Italy, roughly midway between Bologna and Rimini, and in the heart of what has been the "red belt" of the Italian peninsula for nearly 40 years. Next July 29 is the 100th anniversary of the birth of Predappio's most and only famous son, and Predappio doesn't know what to do about it.

Since he was world-famous and changed the course of European history, some sort of commemoration would be expected. But because Predappio's famous son was Benito Mussolini, the Italian dictator who invented fascism, Predappio is in a quandary.

Not so the rest of the country. The Italian state-owned TV network has already started the centenary ceremonies with a five-hour series called "All if Duce's Men," which was memorable more for the presence of his daughter, Edda Ciano. The 73-year-old countess came over strongly in the show. She said that she had got on very well with her husband, Galeazzo Ciano, who also had been Mussolini's foreign minister, but that "the only man I ever really loved was my father."

Since her father had ordered Ciano's execution before a firing squad, for being party to a plot to overthrow the dictator, that may have seemed like a remarkable

confession.

The best part of the TV series, however, were the old newsreels of Il Duce's triumphs and his speeches from the balcony, particularly the one when he announced on June 10, 1940, that Italy was entering the war alongside Germany. The roars of approval heard from the packed Rome square should never be forgotten. The dictator's comic posturing was probably only comical to foreigners.

Two movies are in preparation now. One is about Claretta Petacci, Mussolini's last mistress, who was executed by Communist partisans alongside the dictator. The film is to star Claudia Cardinale. The other movie will be about Edda and Galeazzo Ciano.

Italy has had a neo-fascist party since 1948, called the Movimento Italiano Sociale (MSI). Ten years ago it held 10 percent of the seats in parliament (or more than Mussolini's fascists had when they seized power), but today the number has been halved, leaving it still the country's fourth-largest party. What are the MSI plans for 1983?

"Mussolini doesn't belong to any one party, but to all the Italians," the MSI leader, Giorgio Almirante, said in January. However, beginning in March, the MSI led by Vittorio Mussolini, one of the dictator's surviving sons, plans a series of regional

celebrations of Il Duce's "good works." The turnout for these events will be closely observed. A lot of otherwise democratic Italians say that the country needs a 1980s' version of a strongman.

In Predappio, the 39-year-old mayor, Mauro Strocchi, a Communist, says that July 29 cannot be ignored. He would like a quiet seminar on fascism. The socialist deputy mayor, whose father was clubbed to death by the fascists, insists that July 29 must be just another day. But it is not likely to be.

Predappio has the (unmarked) house where Mussolini was born and the summer house which the city donated to the dictator. There are said to be cupboards full of Mussolini souvenir plaques, ashtrays and other sideshow junk ready to be surreptitiously brought forth. Outside the town is the Mussolini mausoleum, built in 1935, and where he finally was also buried in 1958. It is visited each year by about 200,000 people.

There is bound to be a hot time in the old town of Predappio on July 29, as fascists, neo-fascists and latent fascists converge.

Benito Mussolini was the most famous Italian of this century. His centenary will be celebrated somehow, even if only with skyrockets and Roman candles fired from the country's rooftops.

### Book review

## Mideast: new U.S. perceptions needed

By Grace Hahnel

*A Changing Image, American Perceptions of the Arab-Israeli Dispute*, by Richard H. Curtis, published by the American Educational Trust, 918 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006; 216 pages; \$9.95.

The smouldering dispute between Israelis and Arabs could lead to a nuclear conflagration between U.S. and Soviet Union and, as the author of this excellent study tells us, this is all because of the policies of the United States.

Richard Curtis, who had a 30-year foreign service career with the U.S. Information Agency and the Department of State, most of which in the Middle East, stresses that American interests are inextricably intertwined with those of the people of the region. But since the creation of its client state, America has shrugged off its own responsibility for much of what is happening there.

Curtis, who served in U.S. government posts in Indonesia, Germany, Turkey, Iraq, Syria, Greece and Lebanon, carefully documents the grip that the Zionist lobby and Zionist press gained in America during the 1950s and 1960s. He points out that many Israeli officials have close ties in the United States, and many, such as the late Prime Minister Golda Meir, were reared in the United States.

Moshe Arens, educated in America, is one of the many Israelis who commutes regularly between Tel Aviv and Washington. From the United States he is emigrated to Israel. Then Israel sent him back to America as its ambassador. Now he moves back to Israel as defense minister. Such officials, who know the United States political machinery, skillfully manipulate an influential U.S. domestic constituency, and as Curtis reminds us, over the years have won "overwhelming American public opinion support for Israel."

President Reagan has on occasions indicated he was unhappy with Begin, but former President Nixon said President Reagan was "probably the strongest supporter of Israel to occupy the White House since Harry Truman." Curtis points out that with the exception of Eisenhower who virtually compelled Israel to withdraw from the Sinai after the 1956 war, American presidents, senators and representatives have been subjected to recurrent pressures from what has come to be known as the Israeli lobby, and generally they have been responsive to that pressure.

If the United States continues to guarantee Israel military superiority without making it conditional on efforts toward a just settlement, it will be only adding fuel to the fire, increasing tensions and warfare. Curtis writes that if unlimited U.S. backing is assured to any elected Israel government, regardless of its aggressive acts, moderate elements in Israel will never be able to move their government toward making the com-

promise necessary for peace with Arabs.

The Zionists have such total control over American policies that the United States has lost the will to speak out against it, much less control its aggressive actions. Rather, the United States recently appeared to reward Israeli genocide. Following the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, the Congress did not reduce aid to Israel, but voted to increase it.

However, Curtis thinks Americans are now getting a new picture of Israel and the conflict in the Middle East. He says it is America's unwavering support for any

## The other Paris—below ground

Hubert Fagla

PARIS (RFI) — You can't get fully to grips with the history of French capital if you've never heard of the history of underground Paris. For this below-the-ground Paris is of surprising dimensions, with its history, its streets, the crossroads, its squares, its cul-de-sacs and its traffic.

"For 150 kilometers of noisy metro (subway lines), there are, at the level below, 2,000 kilometers of silent sewers and 300 kilometers of gloomy and hardly-known quarters," says Simon Lacordaire in his book *Histoire souterraine de Paris souterraine* (Secret history of underground Paris), published by Editions Hachette. "Whereas the network of sewers, under the ground surface, follows the lines of the streets, squares and avenues, the network of ancient quarries forms a subtle and mysterious interlaced design. These innumerable cavities constitute, beneath our feet, a vol-

ume of empty spaces identical to the volume of files masses we see on the surface. Paris, which rose out of these underground passages, could be fitted easily into them."

In his book, this engineer in love with Paris, leads us, in 227 pages full of maps, photos and useful addresses, through the "underland" of the French capital, while relating both the true history and the legend of this deeper Paris. In bygone days, spies, smugglers (as well as simple quarry workers) spent much of their time in these catacombs. Stone from the quarries, by the way, went into the building of many of the capital's permanent monuments — the Val-de-Grace, the Louvre and the Observatoire, for instance.

To visit the "Catacombes" after going down the 90-step staircase in Denfert-Rochereau, for instance, is also to enter a part of the history of Paris ... Paris in the days when some of the cemeteries were emptied to fill up the underground cavities.

## 'Lotus Land' men value lifestyle more than life

By Charles Campbell

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Beaches are within hailing distance of ski runs. Lawns are dark green all winter, and only briefly covered with snow. Living is easy, in the city Canadians call "Lotus Land," the capital of their left coast.

Mention Vancouver and a far-away look comes into many a Canadian's eye.

"It really isn't a very Canadian city at all," says Marion Barth, a recent arrival from frigid, windswept Winnipeg in the central province of Manitoba. "The first thing anyone will tell you about is the weather," she says. "It's like living in dreamland. In comparison with the prairies ..." She hesitates a moment. "There's no comparison."

Canada's third-largest city with a metropolitan population of 1.2 million, has a spectacular site, bounded on three sides by water — but also nearly surrounded by mountains.

A radio advertisement for one ski area features a young mother who chirps, "now I drop the kids at school and I'm off to the mountains."

Within 20 minutes' drive of the city center is a selection of ski slopes.

On a winter's night, the lights for night-skiing on grouse mountain twinkle 1,100 meters over Vancouver's skyline. On a sunny day in March, the adventurous can spend the morning on skis and the afternoon stretched out on a beach.

Michael Bertrand, 36, grew up on an Alberta farm, moved to Toronto, then took his family to Vancouver.

"We just felt we had to move as far west as we could. It's just a gentler atmosphere, and more friendly and laid-back," Bertrand said. "Sometimes I think Vancouver is laid back to a fault. People are bedonk and wrapped up in themselves," he said. "You get a lot of people moving here because they can indulge themselves. You get people not so wrapped up in their work."

Indeed, stories are often told about up-and-coming executives, sent to Vancouver by national companies, who lose their drive and refuse to accept promotions that would take them away from hot tubs, tennis in February and the rest of the easy life.

An executive who moved from Toronto five years ago grins and says it's easier to reserve time on a golf course on a weekend than on a weekday afternoon, when many Vancouver businessmen knock off work at 2

p.m. Allan Fotheringham, a caustic syndicated columnist who splits his time between Ottawa and Vancouver, frequently speculates about, in his words, "why the inhabitants of Narcissus-on-the-Pacific are so different from the rest of dull Canadians."

"There is the belief that Polynesian paralysis, the *manana* (Spanish for tomorrow) disease, comes with the Pacific currents and induces executives into hot-tubs when they should be knee-deep in accounts," Fotheringham wrote in his latest book, *Malice in Blun derland*.

"There is the theory also, that the dregs of humanity drift to the edge of the frontier and, being unable to swim to Japan, stay to interbreed and multiply."

Fotheringham's own theory is that Vancouverites are what they are because they never wear hats.

Whatever the truth about hats, the people of Vancouver nearly always carry umbrellas, at least in the winter. On average it rains 18 days in November, 19 days in December and 17 days in January — it only seems like more.

This constant rainfall is not enough to put a Vancouver resident on the defensive.

"No matter how much comes down, you don't have to shovel it," says Ann Broadfoot, spokeswoman for the real estate board of Greater Vancouver, to a visitor from Toronto, which is often sunny.

"Once you become a believer," she continues, "those four days of rain are wiped out by a ray of sunshine."

Alana Mascali, co-publisher of a quarterly catalog listing such services as alternative schools, health-food restaurants, psychic counseling and peace groups, describes Vancouver as "one of those areas where there are aware people."

She says she finds "more of a cooperative spirit than a competitive spirit, a sense of sharing."

The lively myth-making about Vancouver has perhaps overtaken reality, casting into shadows the busy port, the hard-working businessmen making connections with all countries on the Pacific rim, the large numbers of recent immigrants struggling like their counterparts elsewhere to realize the Canadian dream.

Columnist Fotheringham put it this way: "If Vancouver has a philosophy, it is that life is not so important as lifestyle. Since there is no alternative to birth and death, the only solution is to smell the flowers on the way through."



BRIDGE: The Lions Gate bridge that links "Lotus Land" to the North Shore which boasts of mountain sides that are skirted in pine and clothed in almost year-round snow.



## Parleys begin

## U.S., allies to update export credit accord

PARIS, March 2 (AFP) — The United States, Japan and the Western European partners sat down here for the annual updating of their accord on terms for export credits, intended to forestall cut-throat competition for capital goods contracts on the world markets.

Since the renewal last July of the "arrangement on guidelines for officially supported export credits", due to expire on May 1, interest rates have eased in some of the major countries.

Some governments believe there is a need for changes in the system, based on agreed minimum interest rates and maturities for three categories of industrial and developing countries.

The extension of the arrangement last year was preceded by several months of haggling between the key trading powers — the U.S., Japan and the European Economic Community — and threats of an all-out "credit war". Since then, other forms of trade frictions have been mounting between them.

Officials of the participants in the accord — 22 of the 24 member countries of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) — were therefore headed for a difficult exercise when they began three-day talks in OECD's export credit group this afternoon, participants acknowledged. But reliable sources said this week's talks would be no more than an "observation round".

They said participants were considering the talks as preliminary to what might be a real bargaining session some time next month, in time for the May 1 deadline. Most participants are expected to submit their final

## N-power use on the increase

VIENNA, March 2 (R) — World use of nuclear power grew steadily last year despite the current global recession and cancellation of some nuclear projects, the United Nations International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has said.

The Vienna-based agency said 294 power reactors with a total capacity of about 170,000 megawatts operated in 25 countries at the end of 1982 compared with 272 reactors with a capacity of 150,000 megawatts in 23 nations in 1981.

In 1981 nuclear energy accounted for nine percent of the world's electricity production but no percentages were yet available for last year, an agency spokesman said. Last year 16 nuclear plant projects were canceled in the United States and two in Italy, an IAEA press release said.

However, in the United States nuclear power is likely to become the second largest supplier of electricity after coal when 1982 data are completed; although cancellations have outnumbered new orders for most of the past decade, the agency added.

Top of the nuclear "league" was Finland where nuclear energy accounted for 40.3 percent of the country's total electricity production, followed by France with 38.7 percent, according to provisional 1982 data, the IAEA said.

## Jamaica ratifies sea law treaty

KINGSTON, Jamaica, March 2 — Jamaica has ratified the United Nations Law of the Sea Convention, Hugh Shearer, the nation's deputy prime minister and foreign affairs minister, said Tuesday.

Shearer said he signed the document Monday and that it will be delivered to the U.N. secretary-general in New York before March 15.

Jamaica is the second country to ratify the convention. A government spokesman said Fiji signed and ratified the document at the same time Dec. 10 in Montego Bay in north-western Jamaica.

Since the Montego Bay meeting, 122 countries have signed the convention and it will come into force 12 months after 60 countries ratify.

Once that is done, the International Seabed Authority will be headquartered in Jamaica. A preparatory commission will meet in Kingston March 15 in anticipation of the date the convention will be ratified, Shearer said.

## Arab fund lends Sudan \$15.9m

ABU DHABI, March 2 (WAM) — The Arab Monetary Fund granted Sudan Wednesday a \$15.9 million loan to compensate for the sudden and steep decline in the value of the Sudanese exports during 1981-82.

The three-year loan has an interest rate ranging between 5.2 percent in the first year and 5.8 percent in the third year.

This is the "second compensating" loan granted to Sudan by the Abu Dhabi-based AMF bringing the total to \$32.7 equivalent to Sudan's share in the fund's paid up capital, which is the maximum of such loans. Loans granted to Sudan since 1978 reached \$116.85 million.

The loan was signed on behalf of the fund by Dr. Muhammad Mahmoud, vice chairman of the fund, and by Hassan Abdul Wahab, head of the loans and controls department in the Sudanese banks on behalf of the Sudanese government.

## China lures tourists

PEKING, March 2 (AFP) — China announced cheaper rates for tourists.

New China News Agency, citing China International Travel Service Director Zhang Lianhua's, said groups of 10-14 persons visiting in the low season, would get a 20 percent reduction as from next December.

In a speech at an international tourism conference currently taking place here, Zhang also said students and young people would also get cut rates this year.

## BL unveils 'talking car'

LONDON, March 2 (AP) — A talking car that warns when seat belts aren't fastened, brakes need checking and gas in running low was introduced Tuesday with a fanfare from state-owned British Leyland.

Eveo Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher got into the promotional act by test-driving a computerized BL Austin Maestro sedan up and down Downing Street.

BL reported spectacular initial sales of the "thinking" car, a seven-model range which the debt-ridden company says will restore profitability. On the day of launch, orders worth 50 million pounds (\$75 million) were in the bag, BL said.

Mrs. Thatcher was clearly delighted with the chatty 6,300-pounds (\$9,500) car, although she thought its female voice a bit too loud. "It's very good. But can you turn it down just a bit?" she told Austin Rover Chairman Harold Musgrove.

The prime minister urged new car buyers to go for the Maestro: "I don't just say 'buy British' because it's British. I say 'buy British' because we really worked at this, and got a very, very good product."

A digital voice synthesizer in the Maestro dashboard reproduces a 32-word vocabulary recorded by actress Nicolette McKenzie.

British and French models feature a female voice, while BL thought a man's voice more appropriate for German and Italian models.

## Ban by Asian states seals video games fate

SINGAPORE, March 2 (R) — After a two-year boom, electronic video games have been banned in many Southeast Asian countries as a corrupting influence on the young.

The action followed a public outcry in the region arising from allegations that the video games, imported from the West and Japan, were turning schoolchildren into zombies and affecting their traditional values.

Singapore's 64 amusement arcades with video games as their main attraction have come under severe attack for providing an ideal setting for speculation.

Singapore's Foreign and Culture Minister Supplah Dhanabalan told parliament that primary schoolchildren stole money and missed their classes to play video games at the arcades which had become a haven for "undesirable characters." He gave the arcade operators until the end of August to close down their business or face official wrath.

Video games could come under further government scrutiny in the area following a report from Chicago that a 15-year-old boy was stricken with epilepsy after playing the electronic gadgets.

No such cases have been reported in Southeast Asia, but a Malaysian teacher complained that children who score high points in "shooting" asteroids on videos find their marks go down fast in their classes.

The Malaysian government announced a ban on the import of video games after an official survey concluded that the craze could create serious social and cultural problems.

There are 65 video centers in the

## As public outcry grows

Malaysian capital of Kuala Lumpur and all have been ordered to put up their shutters by next October. Ironically, the Malaysian video centers have reported a boom since the ban.

Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos banned all video games in his country in November 1981, a move which won him national and international acclaim.

While some affluent Filipinos still manage to obtain the machines for use in their homes, and microcomputers which can be programmed for games, are on sale, the commercial aspect of the phenomenon died with the ban.

Indonesia imposed a ban on coin-operated

## U.S. steel industry averts labor crisis

PITTSBURGH, March 2 (R) — The troubled American steel industry won a measure of relief from its workers when the United Steelworkers agreed to wage and benefit concessions.

The union ratified a 41-month contract with the steel industry that cuts the wages of the nation's 265,000 steelworkers, half of whom are unemployed anyway.

The presidents of the union's branches passed the pact, reached Monday after two weeks of intensive negotiations, by a vote of 167 to 63.

The agreement involves a \$1.25 an hour cut in the basic wage each steelworker receives, currently \$14.33 an hour, excluding benefits.

The union has been negotiating with the basic steel industry, the seven largest U.S. producers, including U.S. Steel Corporation

video games following protests from parents and teachers. Thailand has banned video game imports but still allows local assembly of simple kits.

Some of the operators argue that the electronic games stimulate competitiveness among children, but their cause has found a declining number of converts.

In Singapore, operators of video games at amusement arcades hope that the government will give them a last-minute reprieve and have promised to maintain strict controls. They also pin their hopes on a survey by the *Straits Times* newspaper group.

## Bethlehem Steel Corporation, since last year.

The companies threatened the union that if they did not wio wage concessions by April they would begin buying foreign steel. Late last year the local presidents turned down a concession agreement that included a wage cut of \$1.50 an hour.

J. Bruce Johnston, U.S. Steel vice president and chief negotiator for the industry, said Tuesday: "The industry badly needs the interim relief provided in the new agreement."

The American steel industry suffered its worst year since the great depression last year. U.S. Steel, the nation's largest producer, reported losses from steel operations in 1982 of \$852 million as U.S. exports of steel fell to their lowest level since 1938.

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# EEC set to exceed farm subsidy target

BRUSSELS, March 2 (R) — The European Economic Community is likely to overspend on its controversial farm subsidies by hundreds of millions of dollars in the first three months of this year, officials have said.

The subsidies, at the center of a serious trade dispute with the United States, have soared because of a huge build-up of surplus food stocks and a slump in world commodity prices.

The overspending prompted Budget Commissioner Christopher Tugendhat to warn at a meeting of foreign ministers last week that the community could run out of cash to finance its agricultural policies by 1985.

The Common Market budget allocates some \$14 billion for farm subsidies in 1983, around two-thirds of total spending. But the officials said the payments made to cover outlays in the first three months of 1983 pointed to spending over the year of up to \$2 billion above that figure.

Agricultural experts have warned that escalation of the conflict with the U.S. over the share-out of international markets would push up costs even further.

The officials said Farm Commissioner Poul Dalsager was particularly worried by a steep rise in the community's milk output, already running about 20 percent above consumption.

The increase has filled the community's warehouses with surplus butter and skimmed milk. Subsidies for dairy farmers are the single most expensive item in the budget.

The officials said advance farm subsidy payments made to cover the first three months of 1983 totaled over \$4 billion, or \$550 million above budget. Actual spending in the first three months of last year was \$800 million less.

Some of this excess was accounted for by a traditional concentration of expenditure on subsidies in the first half of the year, the officials said.

But the annual rise in guaranteed prices for farmers due to be applied in April and forecasts that world food prices may sink further meant that overspending on a similar scale could continue throughout the year.

Apart from direct price supports for farmers and the cost of storing surpluses, the community spends most of its agricultural budget on export subsidies to bridge the gap between high internal prices and much lower levels on world markets.

The officials said a U.S. threat to unload part of its huge dairy surplus has already depressed international prices, while an American flour deal with Egypt had made it more difficult for the community to sell its flour.

The community ended an embargo on butter sales to the Soviet Union last year, but the restrictive terms it has offered so far have discouraged sales to its biggest potential market.

## British miners on the warpath

LONDON, March 2 (R) — Britain's coal-miners prepared Wednesday to take on Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in an all-out strike similar to one that brought down an earlier Conservative government nine years ago.

All across Britain, strikes or strike ballots were being readied in support of men at the first of 60 "uneconomic" pits which the state-owned mining system, with Mrs. Thatcher's backing wants to shut. Some miners' leaders were Tuesday night predicting a national strike of all 200,000 miners by next Monday.

The last such strike in 1973-74 blacked out power supplies, put industry on short-time working and drove the then Conservative prime minister, Edward Heath, to call an election on the issue, "who runs the country?" he lost.

The last strike was over pay. The latest confrontation developed suddenly after the 23,500 miners of South Wales struck on Monday over plans by the National Coal Board (NCB) to shut a 12-year-old colliery in the Rhondda Valley. The board said Tuesday the money-losing pit was exhausted.

## "WE MUST PRESERVE SPECIAL BENEFITS FOR GENERATIONS OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES YET UNBORN!"



For violating WHO code

## States plan coffee boycott for bringing Nestle to heel

WASHINGTON, March 2 (AP) — Opponents of Third World advertising campaigns to bottle-feed babies said Tuesday they will focus their boycott of Nestle company products on a ban of the Swiss-based multinational's infant formula.

Douglas A. Johnson, national chairman of the Infant Formula Action Coalition said that the Swiss-based multinational Nestle is violating provisions of a World Health Organization infant formula marketing code despite its pledge to abide by it. Nestle is the world's largest producer of infant formula. It does not sell formula in the United States.

Johnson said that directing the six-year-old boycott at Taster's Choice instant-coffee — the company's most profitable product on the American market — would step up pressure on Nestle to bring its practices in line with the code.

He estimated that the coffee, which is sold with and without caffeine, accounts for about 14 percent of Nestle's U.S. sales and 18 percent of its U.S. profits. And he said the company has a \$159 million investment in the product.

"Our strategy is simple," he told reporters. "We will take Nestle's most advertised and profitable cornerstone and identify that in the

minds of the public with the results of the same company's activities overseas. The suffering and death of millions of babies."

He cited a United Nations estimate that abiding by the code would save the lives of at least one million Third World infants each year. Company spokeswoman Carolyn Campton said the coalition's new effort is evidence that their boycott is a failure.

"It is an indication that the boycott is not now and never has been effective," she said. "I think it is very confusing. It is also totally unfounded. They are doing this without any basis of fact."

The company established a special commission, headed by former U.S. Secretary of State Edmund Muskie, to monitor its compliance with the code. But Johnson said the commission hasn't evaluated 60 code violations reported to it by the coalition last November.

Barbara Altman, a spokeswoman for the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), said her organization would actively help Nestle's competition reach Hispanic coffee-drinkers.

The infant formula code was adopted May 21, 1981, by a vote of 118-1 by the World Health Assembly.

## Reagan aide predicts growth at 4%

WASHINGTON, March 2 (AP) — One of U.S. President Ronald Reagan's chief economic policymakers predicted Tuesday that the U.S. economy will grow at 4 percent this quarter, even if interest rates remain high.

In addition, said Robert Dederick, under-secretary of commerce for economic affairs, he expects inflation-adjusted growth of 4 percent to 5 percent from the last quarter of 1982 to the last quarter of 1983. Reagan's budget anticipates growth of 3.1 percent during that period.

The economy declined by 1.9 percent, after inflation, in the last quarter of 1982. "Barring a financial shock... recovery clearly is going to be faster than the budget forecast," Dederick told reporters.

The reasons: A sharp upturn in housing starts-reduction in business inventories, indicating the time might be near when employers will begin rehiring laid-off workers, and a decline in the number of new claims for unemployment insurance.

Even so, Dederick said, he anticipates unemployment will remain close to 10 percent of the civilian labor force through 1983 — it was 10.4 percent in January — but will drop to near 9 percent by the end of 1984.

Although further reductions in interest

rates would help recovery from the longest recession since World War II, Dederick said, he sees a healthy recovery anyway. "We are now in an interest-rate area that is consistent with recovery," he said.

Dederick said he would not be surprised if interest rates begin rising again temporarily once recovery is well under way, explaining that would be normal in a time of full-blown economic expansion. "But that (the rise in rates) would go away once the market sees inflation is not rebuilding," he added.

Dederick anticipates some firming of commodity prices once recovery is well under way. But he cautioned it is far too early for concern that too-rapid expansion of the money supply will re-ignite inflation.

"Market participants who worry that monetary policy is laying the groundwork for inflation should take those worries elsewhere," he said. "Monetary policy remains accommodative" for a healthy recovery from recession and "has been accommodative to business growth since mid-1982," he added.

Dederick predicted idle factory capacity will remain relatively high at least through 1984 and possibly through 1985. Business spending for expansion, which has been declining despite large tax cuts, should turn upward by the third quarter of this year, he said.

## BRIEFS

TOKYO (AFP) — Exports of cars, trucks and buses by Japan totaled 471,890 units or a year-on-year rise of 4.1 percent. This was the first 12-month rise for a year and a half. Car shipments were up 7.2 percent to 333,279, trucks up 2.7 percent to 135,189 and buses up 0.7 percent to 3,422.

PARIS (AFP) — Gaz de France's deficit nearly tripled to an "intolerable" 2.5 billion francs (\$360 million) last year, and its debts "galloped" ahead to 22 billion francs by Dec. 31, the president of the state-run corporation, Pierre Alby, told businessmen at an energy forum here. He said that Gaz de France could easily have moved out of the red this year had it been allowed to put up tariffs by 15 percent.

BRUSSELS (AFP) — The European Economic Community (EEC) Commission has asked an international consulting firm, Peat, Marwick, Mitchell to make a study of difficulties faced by European firms wanting to invest in Japan. The European Commission said in a communique here. The study, which began Monday will be carried

out in liaison with the EEC's export promotion program. The aim is to make it easier for exporters to penetrate the maze of Japanese import obstacles.

DETROIT (AFP) — Ford President Philip Caldwell said his group would "take whatever steps are necessary" to compete after the G.M.-Toyota link for making a small car at Fremont, California. Newsweek had asked if Ford would fix up a similar deal. He would not say whether Ford's sales were likely to be affected, but Caldwell suggested that General Motors did not need Toyota's help, commenting: "It boggles the mind to think G.M. don't know how to build a small car."

ROTTERDAM (AFP) — Soyuznefte oil company of the Soviet Union has taken legal action against the Dutch firm Jocoil and the Bank Slavenburg's claiming it owed \$100 million for oil delivered to Jocoil in 1976, payment being guaranteed by the bank. In earlier proceedings Jocoil said it never received the oil and Slavenburg's said it was not the guarantor.

## Financial Roundup

### Dollar rates lose ground

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, March 2 — The American dollar eased back on the European exchanges Wednesday with active profit-taking pushing up the German mark and the Swiss franc but with the British pound also rising by nearly 2 cents on prospects of an agreement on oil prices. The pound had fallen to a record low of 1.4980 in New York at one stage Tuesday night, but Wednesday it traded back up again at 1.5165 levels.

On the bullion markets, dealers reported some "santify" creeping back after the head long panic selling of the past few days which saw gold and silver prices crash.

On Wednesday some buying interest out of the Far East and Europe pushed gold prices up to the \$432 an ounce level from \$411 on Tuesday but still considerably lower compared to the \$503 an ounce reached about 10 days ago.

Silver prices also erratically moved on Wednesday to take the Wednesday level to \$11.10 an ounce after it had fallen to \$10.30 an ounce in New York on Tuesday night. With so little on which to go by, the bullion markets are finding themselves caught in a volatile mood situation where panic is generated often by the mere act of some legitimate buying or selling order. But with the dollar losing some ground again bullion prices could stabilize by the weekend. The big question mark is still the future direction of world oil prices.

In the European Eurodollar deposit markets, dollar interest rates remained stable at around Tuesday trading levels with

the markets once again doubting whether the Federal Reserve Board would cut back on its discount rate. "Fed fund" prime lending rates still dealt around the 8 1/2 to 8 3/4 percent level and the Eurodollar rates kept a low profile at the 8 13/16 percent to 9 1/4 percent levels for the longer tenors.

In the exchanges however, the dollar fell back on some active trading to take the German mark to 2.4200 levels from 2.4410 levels on Tuesday. The markets once again seemed to think that the conservatives might win the coming German elections.

The French franc was up to 6.8700 levels from the 6.9280 levels Tuesday after the recent rumors of a French franc devaluation had been dispelled by the French government. The Japanese yen was slightly stronger at the 236.80 levels, from Tuesday's 238.90 levels in somewhat thin trading.

On the local markets, rial deposit rates opened at a slightly higher level compared to the falls registered Tuesday but the volumes traded were relatively small. The one-week rate traded around the 6 1/2 - 6 3/4 percent, while the one-month rate traded around the 6 1/2 - 7 1/4 percent level. Spot rial/dollar exchange rates were relatively stable at the 3.4400-05 levels.

LONDON, (AP) — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	428.50
Paris	438.80
Frankfurt	432.00
Zurich	429.25
Hong Kong	420.98

## Bonn jobless cross 2.5m barrier

BONN, March 2 (R) — West German unemployment rose above the politically sensitive 2.5 million mark last month, setting a postwar record, but the rate of increase is slowing, a Labor Ministry spokesman said Wednesday.

However, officially the jobless figures are due to be issued Thursday, three days before the general election, by the federal labor office.

The Labor Ministry spokesman said they would show a rise of between 40,000 and 50,000 over the January record of 2.49 million, or 10.2 percent of the workforce. But that compared with an surge of 263,700 in January.

Both Chancellor Helmut Kohl's center-right government and the Social Democratic (SPD) opposition are expected to seize on the figures as ammunition for the final phase of what has been a bitter election campaign.

Health Minister Heiner Geissler, general secretary of Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU), said on television Tuesday night the statistics would bear out the government's contention that an economic upturn was already under way.

Political analysts said the jobless figures were unlikely to give either side much political help, since they showed neither a dramatic worsening nor a marked improvement on the labor market.

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Canadian Dollar		2.82
Deutsche Mark (100)	142.50	142.10
Dutch Guilder (100)	129.00	128.37
Egyptian Pound	3.15	3.11
Emirate Dirham (100)	93.75	93.75
French Franc (100)	50.80	50.18
Greek Drachma (1,000)	38.25	41.35
Indian Rupee (100)		34.53
Iranian Rial (1,000)		5.80
Italian Lira (10,000)	25.00	24.70
Japanese Yen (1,000)	123.00	14.65
Jordanian Dinar	9.74	9.63
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.85	11.76
Lebanese Lira (100)	84.80	84.11
Moroccan Dirham (100)	52.50	53.85
Pakistani Rupee (100)	28.10	26.80
Philippine Peso (100)		36.63
Pound Sterling	5.24	5.21
Qatari Rial (100)	95.00	94.70
Singapore Dollar (100)		165.77
Spanish Peseta (1,000)		26.38
Swiss Franc (100)	169.00	168.28
Syrian Lira (100)	62.00	61.60
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"	Lighting Haki-old streets.	246	1,000	Feb. 14
"	Construction of 3 model markets in Shamasia, Qassim.	247	500	Feb. 15
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"	Asphalted, paving & lighting in Zulfi.	54/402/403	8,000	Jan. 30

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## As contract talks break down

## Strike threat looms large on NBA front

NEW YORK, March 2 (AP) — Negotiations for a new contract between the National Basketball Association and its Players' Association broke off after the first meeting in more than two weeks. The meeting lasted just 24 minutes Tuesday and produced angry exchanges from both sides.

"The players are not prepared to address in any meaningful way the current problems of the league and said they were firm on an April 2 strike deadline," David Stern, the NBA's executive vice president for business and legal affairs, said afterward.

## Sixers trounce Knicks

NEW YORK, March 2 (AP) — The Philadelphia 76ers are winning so often that they could slow down their pace for the rest of the season and still finish with the best record in the history of the National Basketball Association.

Their 106-94 victory Tuesday night over the New York Knicks gave the 76ers a 50-7 record, the fewest losses ever for a team with that many victories.

If Philadelphia wins at least 20 of its remaining 25 games or keep an 800 percentage compared its current winning average of .877, it will become the first NBA team to win 70 times, surpassing the 1971-72 Los Angeles Lakers' regular-season record of 69-13.

## To give Phillies the boost

## Perez, Morgan join Rose

NEW YORK, March 2 (AP) — Pete Rose was reunited with two former big red machine teammates Tuesday as the Philadelphia Phillies held their first full workout of spring training.

Joining the 41-year-old Rose on the field were Joe Morgan, 39, and Tony Perez, 40, acquired this off-season. The three played primary roles in Cincinnati's domination of baseball in the 1970s, and Rose is hoping this reunion can get the Phillies started in that direction in this decade. "He (Perez) and Joe are going to add a lot of class, a lot of leadership and a lot of positive thinking to this team," Rose said.

Although March 1 traditionally is considered the official opening day of spring training camps, many teams already had held full workouts with special permission from the

circumstances to continue meeting," said commissioner Larry O'Brien. O'Brien said the players' strike threat, delivered officially for the first time Tuesday, was "a stunning and disturbing development."

The commissioner, in a message to the league's board of governors, said he had opened the meeting by asking Larry Fleisher, the union's general counsel, to clarify his comments to the media regarding the strike deadline.

"Fleisher responded unequivocally that the players would not agree to any proposal addressing the league's financial problems which would take effect prior to 1987 at the expiration of the Robertson settlement agreement," O'Brien said in his message to the clubs.

The Robertson settlement gives free agent players the right to sign with any team. Part of the club owners' contract proposal would set a salary cap for each team and would bar any club which exceeds that limit from signing free agents.

"I advised Fleisher and his colleagues that the NBA would not enter into any new collective bargaining agreement which did not address the league's current financial problems," said O'Brien.

The commissioner's message to the board said Charles Grantham, a member of the union's negotiating team, had said the NBA's financial problems were the problems of the owners and need not be a concern of the players.



**PROUD DRIVERS:** John Watson (left) and twice world champion Niki Lauda pose with the new Marlboro M141c racing car which was unveiled at Woking, Surrey, Tuesday. Three of the new cars will be available for the opening race of the 1983 season at Rio de Janeiro on March 13, with a fourth ready in time of the Long Beach race on March 27.

## For 1983 Formula One racing

## Jones named in FISA list

PARIS, March 2 (AP) — Official entries for the 1983 World Formula One Auto Racing Championship released Tuesday confirm a planned comeback by 1980 world champion Australian Alan Jones, and the return of Honda to the top line of motor racing for the first time since 1968.

Venezuelan former motor-cycle ace Johnny Cecotto also comes into Grand Prix racing after apprenticeship in Formula Two. He will team with Colombian Roberto Guerrero at Theodore, which has absorbed Morris Nunn's Ensign Company.

The list was released by the International Auto Sport Federation (FISA) here following the closing of driver nominations Monday night. The season starts in Rio de Janeiro March 13. The entries are headed by 1982 world champion Keke Rosberg of Finland with new French teammate Jacques Laffite with the Sandia-Williams team.

The FISA list confirms that the Arrows team in Britain has nominated Jones, who retired suddenly at the end of 1981 and has since been farming and racing in Australia. Arrows director Jackie Oliver has said Jones' actual return is dependent on obtaining sufficient sponsorship. Jones broke a leg recently in a riding accident and the team has signed Brazil's Chico Serra as a stand-by driver for the opening races.

The British spirit team has entered its Swedish Formula Two driver Stefan Johansson to drive the new spirit-Honda 101 in all the races following the mid-season Swiss Grand Prix.

Spirit ran Honda F2 engines and is currently developing the new Honda turbo-charged Grand Prix engine. Honda raced its own car and engine from 1964 to 1968, win-

ning two Grands Prix. Britain's March team has entered Chilean Eliseo Salazar for the full season, and France's Jean-Louis Schlesser, another recruit from Formula Two, for the European races only.

The entry list showed the Brabham team will be sponsored by the Italian sports clothes company Fila, which backed Sweden tennis star Bjorn Borg until his recent announcement he would retire. It also confirmed that the French Ligier team has signed Brazilian Raul Boesel as number two to French veteran Jean-Pierre Jarier.

## Sandy Mayer makes exit

CAIRO, March 2 (Agencies) — Two of the favorites, Sandy Mayer of the U.S. and Heinz Guenthardt of Switzerland made early exits in the Cairo Tennis International here Tuesday.

Mayer went down in three tough sets to Swedish baseline player Per Hjertquist 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, while Guenthardt lost, also in three sets, to Angel Gimenez of Spain, 6-2, 4-6, 6-0.

There was defeat also for two of the best teenage prospects in world tennis, Loic Courteau of France and Wally Masur of Australia. Sweden's Stefan Simonsson rallied to put paid to Courteau's hopes with a 3-6, 7-6, 6-1 victory, while Rod Frawley got past compatriot Masur 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

Meanwhile, U.S. stars Jimmy Connors and John McEnroe will be the top-seeded players in the \$365,000 Courte Tennis Cup, the Milan-leg of the Grand Prix circuit, scheduled at the Indoor Sports Palace March 21-27, organizers announced Tuesday.

Other big guns in the competition, awarding a first prize bonus of \$70,000, were Argentina's Guillermo Vilas, Vitas Gerulaitis, Gene and Sandy Mayer, Steve Denton and Elliot Teltscher of the U.S., Australians Peter McNamara and John Alexander, South-African born Johan Kriek and Andres Gomez of Ecuador.

Vilas defeated Connors in the final of the Cuore Cup last year. Czechoslovak superstar Ivan Lendl did not enter the Milan event, to privilege tournaments of the wet circuit. American Chip Hooper is a doubtful starter as he recently suffered a severe sprain, and Italian veteran Adriano Panatta was given a wild-card by organizers to enter the 36-player competition. Panatta dropped to

172nd place in the world ranking following his recent, poor showings. McEnroe, second

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## As Chaplin gains verdict

## Shavers seen in poor light

BALTIMORE, Maryland, March 2 (Agencies) — Baltimore heavyweight George Chaplin defeated former contender Earnie Shavers on a disqualification at 2:42 of the ninth round of their \$10,000 bout Tuesday night.

Referee Harry Cecchini stopped the scheduled 10-rounder when Shavers tagged Chaplin with a low blow, one of numerous low shots he had thrown. Once in the third and twice in the ninth rounds, and Cecchini subtracted points from Shavers for low blows.

The 30-year-old Chaplin, who weighed in at 212, controlled the bout from the opening bell, scoring with combinations as Shavers attempts to land powerful uppercuts missed wildly. Shavers returned to his corner bleeding from the left nostril at the end of the first round.

The 38-year-old Shavers, whose record is 67-15, entered the bout badly out of shape, weighing in officially at 215 pounds. He had been well behind on points when he was disqualified, having lost every round. Chaplin is now 18-15-2.

Meanwhile, Frank Bruno, British heavyweight boxing hope, won his 13th successive professional fight inside the distance when he stopped fellow-Briton Winston Allen in the second round in London Tuesday. Bruno, still awaiting an opponent to give him a real test, trapped Allen in his own corner and pounded him with heavy rights.

Allen, half caught in the ropes with his back to Bruno, was in no position to defend himself and the referee was forced to stop the contest after a total of four minutes 25 seconds despite hoots from the crowd and a formal protest from Allen.

Bruno's victory was decisive but he had to absorb two stinging rights to the jaw in the first round — the first time he had taken such punishment in his professional career. He

flinched but stood his ground.

O'ry P'vatt, the Commonwealth Games welterweight champion, made a winning start to his professional career at the Royal Albert Hall. The 19-year-old from Leicester took two rounds to halt Birmingham's Paul Murray.

Another member of the English Commonwealth Games team, Ray Gilbody, also made a successful professional debut. Gilbody, who won a bronze medal in Brisbane to add to his three British Amateur Boxing Association titles, punched far too hard for George Bailey of Bradford, and after tagging him with several solid right handers, knocking Bailey down twice, the fight was stopped midway through the second round.

In Indianapolis, the Soviet national boxing team scored a 6-4 victory over a young United States squad Tuesday.

## Oilers slip past charging Devils

NEW YORK, March 2 (AP) — Wayne Gretzky, the National Hockey League's leading scorer, picked up his 55th goal and 101st assist of the season and Tom Roulston scored two goals to lift the Edmonton Oilers to a 4-3 victory over the New Jersey Devils Tuesday Night. Edmonton pulled away with two second period goals.

Elsewhere in the NHL, Mike Foligno scored with 13:06 remaining to give Buffalo a 6-5 victory over Hartford. In a keenly-contested action, the Sabres took the lead in the opening stanza. The Whalers cut the deficit to a goal in the second and that was closest they got to the Sabres.

Pat Boutette's third-period power play goal gave the Pittsburgh Penguins a 3-3 tie with the New York Rangers, who had won their last three home engagements handily. The Rangers scored all their goals in the second period.

Guy Carbonneau's second goal of the game with 90 seconds to play lifted Montreal into a 3-3 tie with the New York Islanders, after the Canadiens had blown a 2-0 third-period lead. And Bernie Federor and Blaze scored their goals 38 seconds apart to cap a four-goal spurt in the second period and lead the St. Louis Blues to a 7-2 victory over the Los Angeles Kings.

## Kiwi quartet excel

AUCKLAND, March 2 (R) — A New Zealand team anchored by 1976 Olympic 1500 meters champion John Walker set a world's best mark Wednesday night for the four-hy-one mile relay.

The quartet of Tony Rogers, John Bowden, Mike Gilchrist and Walker clocked 15 minutes 59.57 seconds, 3.03 seconds better than the previous best of 16:02.8 set by a New Zealand team in 1972. Australia's Mike Hillard, David Forbes, Gerrard Ryan and Paul Grinted finished second in 16:30.17.

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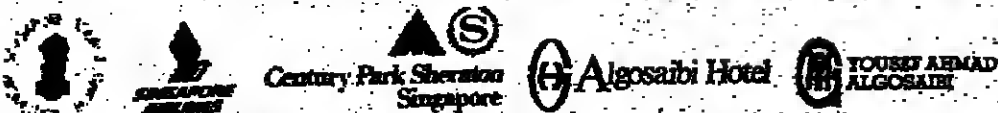


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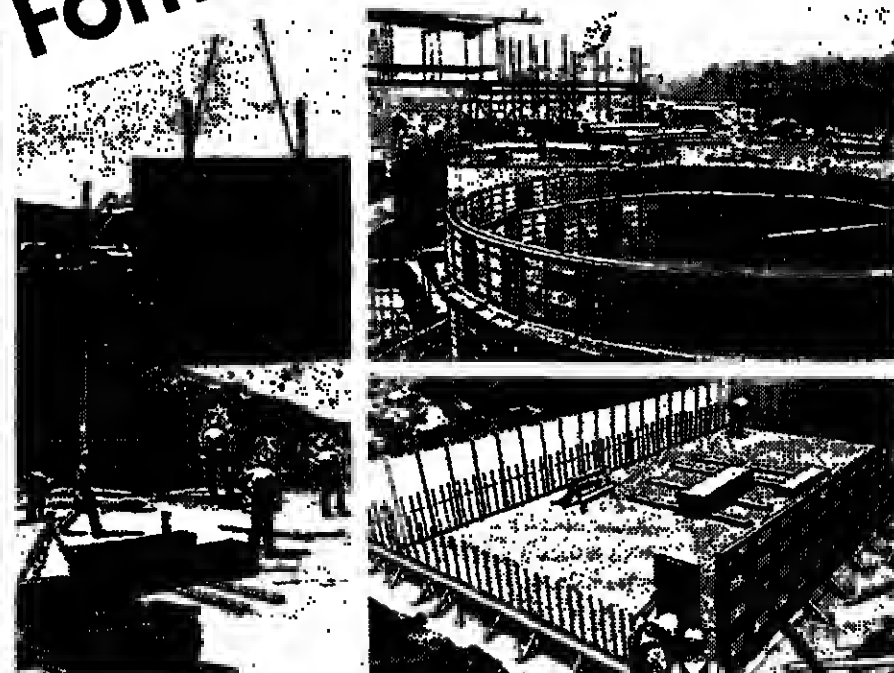
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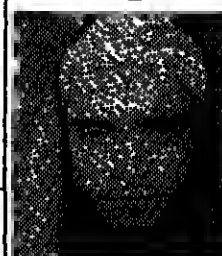
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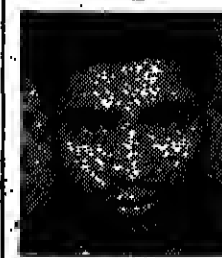
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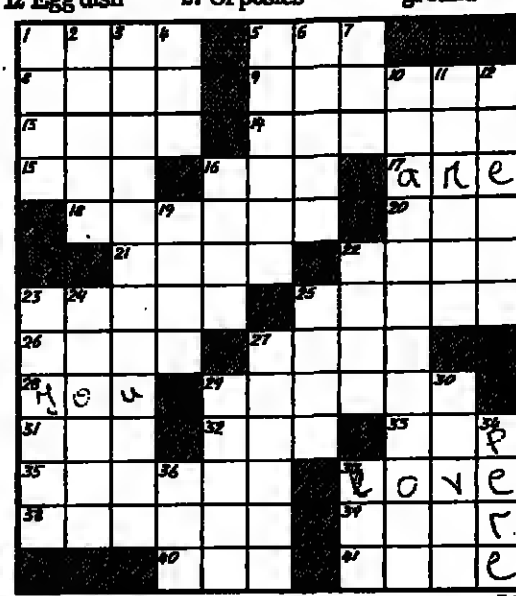
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Opening lead - ten of spades.

This deal occurred in an international tournament staged in Tel Aviv. The North-South cards were held by two well-known experts; the East-West cards were held by two L.O.L.s (Little Old Ladies) who were experiencing their first venture into the big time.

South got to six hearts on the bidding shown and L.O.L. No. 1 led the ten of spades. This was a rather unusual lead - in

most circles the ten would signify a singleton or doubleton ten, or else the 10-9-x or 10-9-7-x of spades. Declarer followed low from dummy, expecting to make the slam quite easily, and L.O.L. No. 2 complicated the situation by playing her jack on the ten. Actually, L.O.L. No. 2 was trying to show a doubleton by starting a high-low signal, but South did not know this and naturally assumed that West had started with the 10-9-7-2.

Declarer won the spade lead with the king and tested trumps. Had he found them divided 2-2 or 3-1, he would have made the slam easily. But when West showed out on the king of trumps, declarer was forced to continue with his Q-J-10 in order to exhaust East of trumps.

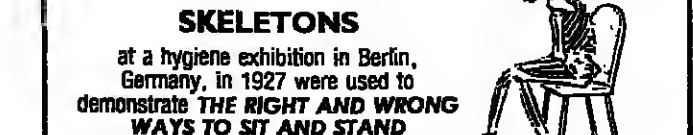
South next led the six of spades from his hand and confidently finessed the eight on the basis that L.O.L. No. 1 had started with the 10-9-7-2 of spades. But L.O.L. No. 2 won the spade eight with the nine, triumphantly played the ace of clubs, and that marked the sad end of the affair.

So the outcome was that South was duly buried with honors - a victim of an exotic Tel Aviv coup.

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## Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 1983

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)  
Both advice and research are needed regarding a financial matter. An old bill may come to your attention. Keep accounts up to date.

**TALIBUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20)  
A relationship reaches a turning point. You may want privacy, but you'll have more fun with friends. Accept invitations.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)  
You may have to cancel a

social engagement due to a heavy work load. Higher-ups, though, take note of your performance.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22)  
A surprise invitation comes from a co-worker. Do not burden loved ones with work concerns. Travel and romance are favored!

**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22)  
A family member may not be able to accompany you on a trip. Dine out with loved ones.

and family members. Plan domestic changes.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)  
Some people will understand you today, others will not. Family is supportive, but use care in financial dealings with others.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)  
A matter of taste may be the cause of differences with a close tie. A friend proves helpful careerwise. Financial gain is likely.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)  
Pay attention to your appearance and replenish your wardrobe. An unwanted attraction could occur on the job, though romance is favored.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)  
You're tempted to be indiscreet. Tackle old tasks before beginning new projects. Home life brings needed relaxation.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)  
Private meetings are favored over large, noisy parties. Get in touch with an old friend from the past. Visit rather than entertain.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)  
Career negotiations are tricky, but you'll come out on top. Seek raises and favors, but act with tact. Finances improve.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)  
Travel could lead to unwise expenditure. An adviser gives you a new approach to a career matter. Make plans for the weekend.



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## Nonaligned summit to bypass Cambodia

NEW DELHI, March 2 (Agencies) — Vietnam's 1978 invasion of Cambodia should not be presented for a full-scale debate at next week's summit of nonaligned nations, a preparatory meeting decided Wednesday.



Enrico Berlinguer

### Berlinguer seeks alliance

MILAN, Italy, March 2 (AP) — Italian Communist leader Enrico Berlinguer opened his party's national congress Wednesday with a call for leftist and centrist parties to join the Communists in a ruling alliance and a condemnation of U.S. and Soviet foreign policy.

Berlinguer's 30-minute speech emphasized the theme of the congress, the so-called "democratic alternative" to Christian Democrat-left governments.

The Communist Party secretary denounced U.S. President Ronald Reagan's foreign policy, the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan and its "actions against the independence of peoples and the sovereignty of states, including those in Western Europe."

Berlinguer said these were the reasons why his party refused to identify itself with either bloc.

The congress, the party's 16th, runs through Sunday.

Berlinguer is a mild-mannered Sardinian who led the party to the brink of an ideological break with Moscow last year. He is looking to the four-day congress to establish the Communists at the heart of a left-wing "democratic alternative" capable of breaking the 36-year dominance of Italy's conservative Christian Democratic Party.

Other conference sources said if the ministers fail to agree by the time the summit opens March 7, they will continue discussing Cambodia in the sidelines of the summit, avoiding confrontation among government leaders.

More than 60 chiefs of state and chiefs of government are expected to attend the 3-day summit, at which Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi is due to take over from Cuba's Fidel Castro as chairman of the nonaligned movement.

At the last nonaligned summit, in Havana, Cuba, in 1979, there was a bitter debate over rival Cambodian delegations representing the ousted Pol Pot regime and the Vietnamese-backed regime of Heng Samrin. Deadlocked, the summit decided to leave the Cambodian seat empty. Indian officials said the Cambodian seat would again remain empty at the forthcoming summit.

The preparatory meeting showed a similar "spirit of compromise" with regard to other divisive issues, the sources said. It took no action on a Libyan protest against delegates from the Chad government of President Hissene Habre, whom Libya refuses to recognize.

A Libyan refusal to admit a Habre delegation broke up a summit of the Organization of African Unity last November in the Libyan capital, Tripoli.

The issue has serious implications for the OAU which twice failed to hold its annual summit last year. Diplomats said continued Libyan protests over the seating of President Habre's government cast a shadow over efforts to reconvene the OAU summit in Ethiopia in May or June.

Aiyer said there was no new attempt to bar Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak from the summit. At the Havana summit, Libya and Syria sought to have Egypt expelled from the nonaligned movement for signing the Camp David peace treaties with Israel.

Aiyer said the preparatory meeting decided unanimously to accept Vanuatu's application for admission as the 101st member of the nonaligned movement.

Meanwhile, President Reagan said in a letter to Mrs. Indira Gandhi Wednesday that the United States was committed to the principles on which the nonaligned movement was based.

Reagan said he was confident that during Mrs. Gandhi's tenure as chairman, the movement's guiding principles would be those on which it was founded. The movement was originally formed as a buffer between the two rival superpowers in 1961. But Cuba tried to give it a pro-Soviet stance after becoming chairman at the 1979 Havana summit.

### Zaire denies torture charge

KINSHASA, Zaire, March 2 (AP) — The Zaire government said Wednesday accusations by Amnesty International about detention and torture of political prisoners were untrue.

The reports are a "collection of malicious low level gossip gathered from persons of poor reputation who live up before the doors of refugee welcoming services in Brussels or in Paris," said an authorized government source.

In a statement Tuesday the human rights organization said some political opponents of President Mobutu Sese Soko had been deliberately killed or died from lack of medical attention while in jail.



TORNADO HAVOC: Cars parked in alleys are half-buried by debris after a tornado tore through a commercial and residential area near central Los Angeles Tuesday. A square-mile area was heavily damaged by the twister and several people were injured.

## Los Angeles tornado wreaks havoc

LOS ANGELES, March 2 (AP) — A devastating Pacific storm hurled a tornado into downtown Los Angeles and another into nearby Pasadena on Tuesday, while floods sent many Californians scrambling to rooftops, and mudslides blocked highways and railroads.

The death toll climbed to eight in the worst of a series of back-to-back west coast storms, with at least 21 injured in the tornadoes.

Hundreds of people were evacuated and expensive homes were swept down hillsides in a sea of mud. About 210,000 homes and businesses lost power.

The Los Angeles tornado damaged about 100 homes and a hospital, ripped off the sides of buildings, tossed cars around like toys and

took off part of the roof of the Los Angeles Convention Center. A second tornado hit Pasadena, 16 kilometers north of Los Angeles, lifting one car at least 15 feet into the air and injuring the driver. The Los Angeles area also was jolted by the second earthquake in less than 14 hours, but there were no immediate reports of damage or injuries.

National guard troops and rescuers in boats helped evacuate hundreds in California. Mobile homes floated away in some areas. The 20-foot waves and 55 MPH winds that pounded Santa Barbara kept Queen Elizabeth II from docking the royal yacht at Santa Barbara harbor. Forecasters said another storm was expected to hit the west coast.

## Elizabeth, Nancy to stay in hotel

SANTA BARBARA, California, March 2 (R) — Stormy seas have forced Queen Elizabeth, Prince Philip and Nancy Reagan to fly to San Francisco Wednesday and stay in a city hotel instead of sailing on board the royal yacht, a British spokesman said.

The royal couple and Mrs. Reagan will stay in the St. Francis Hotel in the city center instead of aboard the yacht *Britannia*, complicating security problems.

More than 100 groups which have banded together in what they call the March 3 coalition have said at least 20,000 persons will demonstrate at the presence of Queen Elizabeth and also of President Reagan, in the city.

One of the major groups is the Irish Republican Committee, which wants British troops to leave Northern Ireland. Security officials said their arrangements would have been less complicated if the royal couple had stayed in the yacht, but everything was under control and there would be adequate protection.

Union Square, opposite the hotel, is a rallying center for protest groups, but police, who will be out in force Thursday, have refused the coalition permission to hold meetings there.

The royal couple and Mrs. Reagan flew from Santa Barbara to Long Beach, 220 kilometers away, where *Britannia* is moored. Tuesday night ready to sail Wednesday to San Francisco.

Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip had earlier driven up a flooded, winding mountain road on the outskirts of Santa Barbara to lunch with the Reagans in their five-roomed red and white cottage in the Santa Ynez Mountains.

The royal couple were to have sailed to Santa Barbara aboard the royal yacht. But the gale force winds and torrential rains which have plagued their visit since they arrived in the western United States on Saturday also forced the cancellation of this voyage.

Instead, the royal couple began their journey to Santa Barbara in a battered old U.S. Navy bus, high enough to travel over the flooded roads. They switched to a U.S. Air Force plane, then to a limousine and finally to a four-wheel drive van for the journey up the mountain road.



STAND AT ATTENTION: Queen Elizabeth II and President Reagan stand at attention during the playing of the national anthem after the queen's arrival at Santa Barbara Airport Tuesday.

## Carter meets Mubarak, Ali

CAIRO, March 2 (R) — Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter visited Egyptian leaders Wednesday to witness the peace he helped create between Israel and Egypt four years ago.

In meetings with President Hosni Mubarak and Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali, Carter heard how Israeli-Egyptian relations were faring under pressure of the events that flowed from Israel's invasion of Lebanon last year.

He also was briefed by U.S. special envoy Philip Habib on progress of negotiations for withdrawal of Israeli and other foreign troops from Lebanon. Carter disclosed nothing of substance about any of these meetings. Taxed by reporters, he heaped praise on current Egyptian policies and expressed optimism about the future.

"I expressed my appreciation for the beneficial effects of Egyptian policies during these troubled times in the Middle East," Carter said. He offered no public criticism of Israel which is the next stop on his five-nation Middle East tour.

Political analysts said the former President must have been made well aware of the contrast between the frosty state of Israeli-Egyptian relations now and the euphoria that surrounded the signing of the peace treaty on the White House lawn in 1979.

Carter expressed satisfaction that Israel and Egypt were resuming negotiations over Tabat, a disputed corner of the Sinai Desert. By coincidence, discussions about the future of Tabat commenced in Ismailia Wednesday as Carter began the first full day of his seven-day visit to Egypt.

## Pope begins tour, says violence saddens him

LISBON, March 2 (Agencies) — Pope John Paul, making a brief stop on his way to a nine-day tour of Central America, said Wednesday he suffered when he considered violence afflicting the region.

"My heart suffers sorely as do all hearts afflicted by the evil of violence in whatever part of the world," he told several thousand people gathered in the carpark outside Lisbon Airport. He said his tour was "to meet my brothers in countries very dear to my heart."

The crowd, many of whom had gathered since the early hours of the morning, cheered and waved yellow and white papal flags when the pope thanked them for their warm welcome during his four-day visit to Portugal last May.

President Antonio Ramalho Eanes, Prime Minister Francisco Pinto Balsemão and church dignitaries met the pope at his plane and accompanied him to an airport lounge where he spoke for 20 minutes from a window.

The pope was to arrive in San Jose, Costa Rica, after an 11-hour flight. The trip will also take him to Nicaragua, Panama, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Belize and Haiti.

On the eve of his departure sources disclosed that top Vatican officials conferred earlier this week with a special U.S. envoy sent to brief them on U.S. policy in Central America and elsewhere.

In the four years of his reign, the Polish-born pontiff has visited 30 countries, more than any of his 263 predecessors. But his journey to Central America seems set to surpass all his previous overseas trips in political sensitivity, physical demands and threats to his personal security.

The eight countries he will tour have rotors ranging from the dynastic dictatorship of the Duvalier family in Haiti to Nicaragua's leftist revolutionaries. In a message to the people of Central America broadcast in Spanish on Monday night, the pope showed himself fully aware of the region's problems as he expressed the hope to bring peace.

## Fraser party faces defeat

SYDNEY, Australia, March 2 (AP) — Bob Hawke, leader of the Australian Labor Party for less than a month, Wednesday appeared headed for a victory over incumbent Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser in Saturday's national elections.

Two polls published Wednesday indicated the Labor Party was headed for a massive win over the Prime Minister's Liberal-National Party coalition.

A Morgan Gallup Poll published in the weekly magazine, *The Bulletin*, showed Labor with a 52 to 41 percent lead. A spectrum Poll published the same day in the national newspaper, *The Australian*, showed Labor ahead 49 percent to 39 percent.

If Australia's 10 million voters follow the polls, Fraser and his conservative coalition face a landslide defeat, analysts said.

Labor needs only a 1.4 swing nationwide to capture the 11 seats it needs to win government in the House of Representatives and give Hawke, 53, the swiftest rise to the prime minister's office in Australian history.

But few political commentators are prepared to write Fraser off. They remember the 1980 elections which saw him come from 9 percentage points behind a week before the elections to snatch a narrow win over the then Labor leader Bill Hayden.

"It is very dangerous to write Fraser off," said Laurie Oakley, one of Australia's most respected political writers in *The Daily Mirror* Wednesday. "He is never beaten until the votes are in. Labor's election planners know it and are becoming increasingly nervous as the day of decision grows near."

Fraser called the elections due every three years — nine months early because Australia's economic situation with 11 percent inflation and 9.3 percent unemployment was expected to worsen by November.

He gambled that his popularity lead over Labor leader Bill Hayden would give him a better chance of victory at an early election which he called on technical grounds that sales tax bills had been blocked by the Senate.

However, the day he called the election, the Labor Party dumped Hayden and unanimously installed Hawke, who has consistently been shown in opinion polls to be the most popular politician in the country.

Fraser called a double dissolution which means that all seats in the 128-seat House of Representatives and 64-seat Senate were up for re-election.

In the last parliament, the government coalition held 73 seats and Labor 52. In the Senate the government held 31, Labor 27, the Australian Democrats 5 and an independent one seat.

Fraser, a wealthy Oxford-educated rancher from Victoria, who is often portrayed by cartoonists as an immobile Easter-Island rock carving, opened the campaign on the issue that Labor strikes were the main cause of Australia's economic problems.

# GLOBAL WEATHER

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Amsterdam	2	36	6	43	cloudy	Manila	21	70	33	91	clear
Athens	5	41	12	54	cloudy	Mexico City	9	48	26	79	clear
Bahrain	not available					Miami	19	66	24	75	clear
Bangkok	27	81	33	91	clear	Montreal	-3	27	2	36	cloudy
Beirut	10	50	18	64	cloudy	Moscow	-12	10	-7	19	clear
Berlin	-1	30	3	37	cloudy	New Delhi	16	61	27	81	cloudy
Brussels	0	32	6	43	clear	New York	4	39	8	46	rain
Buenos Aires	17	63	26	79	rain	Nicosia	5	41	14	57	rain
Cairo	6	43	20	68	clear	Oslo	0	32	-1	30	clear
Caracas	21	70	31	88	cloudy	Paris	5	41	8	46	cloudy
Chicago	-5	23	13	55	clear	Peking	3	37	9	48	clear
Copenhagen	-4	25	2	36	cloudy	Rio de Janeiro	21	70	38	100	cloudy
Dublin	6	43	10	50	rain	Rome	1	34	15	59	cloudy
Frankfurt	-2	28	6	43	cloudy	San Francisco	10	50	11	52	rain
Geneva	2	36	7	45	cloudy	Sao Paulo	4	39	5	41	rain
Helsinki	-17	1	-7	19	clear	Singapore	24	75	34	93	clear
Hong Kong	16	61	17	63	rain	Stockholm	-4	25	-1	30	cloudy
Jakarta	24	75	30	86	cloudy	Sydney	22	72	28	82	clear
Kuala Lumpur	24	75	34	93	clear	Taipei	13	55	19	66	clear
Lisbon	6	43	20	68	clear	Tokyo	7	45	11	52	rain
London	5	41	9	48	cloudy	Toronto	-3	27	10	50	cloudy
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### OPEC debate

that there should be a controlled but in the \$34 benchmark, uncertainty remained about the position of Iran, the organization's

### second-ranking exporter after Saudi Arabia.

One of Iran's top OPEC negotiators, Ali Shams Ardekani, said Wednesday Iran is not willing to discuss prices at the proposed emergency OPEC meeting and is only willing to consider output levels.

Ardekani told Reuters from Kuwait, where he serves as Iranian ambassador: "As far as I know, we do not discuss prices."

Iran, which is accused by OPEC producers of undercutting official OPEC prices in order to grab an unfair share of the world market, has argued that OPEC should defend the \$34 benchmark.

### Assam

the army had been authorised to take effective steps for maintaining law and order under the Armed Forces (special powers) Act and the Assam Disturbed Areas Act. He did not elaborate.

He, however, added that the army would work in coordination with civil authorities but it could also take action on its own if warranted.

Meanwhile a leading member of the Muslim community in Europe Wednesday called for next week's nonaligned conference in New Delhi to discuss the Assam massacre.

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